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AROK LEAVES FRANKEN BEHIND . . . AGAIN

UP IN ARMS!

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE Sydney Croatia club and many other Soccer supporters in general are up in arms over the omission of brilliant 22-year-old goalkeeper ANTHONY FRANKEN from the Socceroo squad to play Everton and take part in the South Korean President's Cup.

Despite proving himself unequivocally throughout the season, the young custodian was once again overlooked by National team coach Frank Arok last Thursday when he announced the final 18 team members for the two upcoming commitments.

Franken's response was understandably filled with unhappiness, as he explained after the weekend's clash with Adelaide City at the Croatian Sports Centre.

"I am very disappointed of course. I thought I'd done enough to grab the second keeper's spot but that was not to be," Franken said.

His retort to the thought that he was outplayed by his nemesis Mike Gibson of St. George in last weekend's so-called 'showdown' came as no surprise either.

"I did pretty well in that match. My handling and shot-stopping went well and I don't think I can be blamed for either goal.

"But my form all season has been pleasing," he stated. And so it has. So much so that he stole the limelight from Australia's number one — Jeff Olver last Wednesday night during the Beach Fashions Cup semi-final.

Franken was simply bril-

liant, as was Olver. But the former made it count when he saved three penalties during the nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out which decided the match in Croatia's favour.

In fact the penalty save that Franken pulled out of the bag to deny the Saints' Kiwi Kevin Hagan last weekend was absolutely miraculous.

Croatia's coach Vedran Rozic was bemused at Franken's omission.

"Anthony is technically the best keeper in Australia. I don't understand why he is not in the team," he stated.

Club president Tony Basic was even more to the point. "I could have told you that Anthony Franken would not be in the squad four months ago, he said."

Franken will now take his place in the NSW squad to take on Queensland and the ACT instead of showing his wares as Olver's understudy.

The only comments Arok had to make on leaving the youngster out were: "I am not concerned with any criticism," he stated.

"I have nothing against Anthony Franken. He knew how important that match (Croatia v St. George) was and it showed that he couldn't cope with the pressure."

He did note however that in Franken and Marconi's Robbie Wheatley he had two top-class stand-by players.

Franken's omission is one of the great tragedies of our modern Australian game.

When this talented youngster will ever be given the chance to prove his real worth is a mystery that hopefully won't be left unanswered for too long.

It will be remembered that back in 1985 the then Canberra City keeper was left out of the Socceroo World Cup squad and reacted by threatening to quit Soccer and take up cricket back in his native state of Western Australia.

Fortunately his mind was changed and this time around no such impetuosity comes to play. Franken will stick it out and wait for his opportunity to show up his doubters. This shouldn't be too long.

Meanwhile Jean-Paul de Marigny and Charlie Villani were deservedly selected in the final squad, although Robbie Wheatley was another luckless omission. De Marigny's inclusion means that Apia's Mark Brown, will most likely be drafted into the NSW squad to play three matches in the next fortnight.

The Socceroos begin their long winter campaign tonight when they meet Everton at Olympic Park before jetting off for Korea on Friday.

Arok knows the game against Everton will be hard but adds: "we are very well prepared for it as we know what we're up against."

"We have a squad capable of handling any situation that may occur and we are confident of success."

Zarko Odzakovic tried his utmost to convince the national boss that he was fit enough during the last few days but really didn't have much chance after just returning from a serious knee injury.

The tour to Korea will see the return to international football of classy midfielder Oscar Crino and defender Alan Davidson.

The touring squad is:
Jeff Olver (Heidelberg), Michael Gibson (St. George), Wally Savor (Sydney Croatia), Graham Jennings (Sydney Croatia), Charlie Yankos (Apia), Robbie Dunn (Melbourne Croatia), Alan Davidson (Melbourne Croatia), Alan Hunter (Heidelberg), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Paul Wade (South Melbourne), Oscar Crino (Footscray), Jean-Paul de Marigny (Apia), Gary McDowall (South Melbourne), Frank Farina (Marconi), Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), Charlie Villani (Adelaide City), Andrew Zinni (Brunswick) On stand-by: Anthony Franken (Sydney Croatia), Robbie Wheatley (Marconi).

The likely team to meet Everton is: Olver, Savor, Dunn, Yankos (c), Jennings, McDowall, Raskopoulos, Wade, Farina, Arnold, Kalantzis.

THE EVERTON BOSS SPEAKS



EVERTON manager HOWARD KENDALL has made a point to stress that tonight's game against Australia will not be treated as a training run.



DISCARD — The brilliant ANTHONY FRANKEN shows his wares in training.

FOOTSCRAY'S SOS ANSWERED

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FOOTSCRAY will soon be bolstered by a new signing from overseas, according to their highly popular coach Drago Sekularac.

Sekularac made this disclosure immediately after his team's 3-0 loss to Sydney Olympic in Sydney.

Looking most dejected in the St George Stadium dressing rooms, the usually happy-go-lucky Sekularac said: "I badly need some new material and hopefully help is on the way from Yugoslavia."

"I have contacted a big young centre-back at Red Star and he informed me that he should be in Australia within three weeks."

Sekularac was referring to Zoran Dimitrijevic, a 24 year-old central defender.



DRAGO SEKULARAC

Dimitrijevic's professionalism, strength and height is expected to greatly stiffen Footscray's back-four.

Languishing in second last spot on the NSL ladder, Footscray has conceded 16 goals in just nine matches.

The Victorian club also expects to soon make an announcement of a special guest player.

Sekularac stated: "He will be a top striker and I will be in a better position in the next two weeks to release his name."

Goals this year have been extremely hard to come by for Footscray.

They have managed to score only three times in nine League matches so far.

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GRAZIANI ARRIVES!

Pictured below is FRANCESCO GRAZIANI on arrival at Sydney's Mascot Airport yesterday.



More on Pages 13 and 24.

ALL POWER to the Victorian Soccer Federation for having brought Howard Kendall's victorious English First Division champions Everton to Australia.

Whilst the Australian Soccer Federation appears quite impotent now in arranging home internationals and the NSW Soccer Federation is digesting its binge on the Parklea administration and coaching headquarters, Victoria has put it all together.

Also due for congratulations is our neighbours in New Zealand. The Auckland Football Association went out of its way to bring Everton in, and also to conduct an Oceania tournament to mark their centenary.

Which brings us to the Australian squad which National coach Frank Arok and his assistant and Eddie Thomson are taking to South Korea.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY wishes all the party a very successful trip.

Despite the various changes announced in composition of the opposition, the teams appear to comprise of a number who will provide useful trial horses.

At very least Frank Arok should get his stated objective of playing against a variety of styles of opponents in preparation of the later assaults to gain a place at the Seoul Olympics.

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Coming weeks will see the State Leagues of NSW, Victoria and South Australia restored to a deal of their former glory.

The absence of the national team in South Korea and the strange complete abandonment of the West End National Soccer League for three weeks at the height of the domestic season has led to the accent coming down on the state competitions.

No-one in their right mind should discount the possibility that compact State Leagues of say ten teams and three or four rounds might not in the near future prove the salvation of the sport.

The West End NSL has raised the standard of football this year but there are good reasons — not the least of them financial — that demonstrate that the position should be held under review.

In NSW the leading groups of Blacktown City, Canberra Griffins, Wollongong City and Melita Eagles Parramatta are shining.

Maribyrnong Polonia has the lead in Victoria, ambitious Adelaide Hellas is feeling the heat in South Australia, whilst in Queensland two losses have seen Brisbane Lions nosedive, with North Star and Eastern Suburbs in the ascendant.

It takes big resources to build a club into something that the public will accept as being the top, particularly in this age of instant television and general immediate media analysis.

What will be the verdict on the leading State League clubs after their June run of glory?

They had plenty of notice that the NSL would be in three weeks' recess.

If they have the ability then they will have taken the opportunity to publicise their games and do their utmost to draw the additional crowds.

When reviewing the State League position in NSW one of the most illuminating pointers is the mid to high position of Newcastle on the table.

This city with a long Soccer tradition (and once it was THE Soccer city of Australia) has fallen on sad times.

With a young team it has been making some impact on the competition, although its player products have been spread around some of the best NSL and State League clubs in NSW.

Newcastle will strike even more of an image problem temporarily as rugby league establishes its senior presence after years of wilderness and downturns.

Are there the modern, businesslike administrators that can take Newcastle by the scruff of its neck and lift it to the heights once again.

The Hunter region has a population well in excess of 550,000 and that is not all that far behind cities such as Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

People are putting in brave efforts. There is not one NSL club today who can put on the highly professional match program that Newcastle KB United did in their International Sports Centre days under Paul Trisley.

There has to be a lesson somewhere.

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"MY BIG REGRET"

BY LES SHORROCK

"It's something I regret very much, but I was a young kid who acted irrationally at the time." That's Mike Petersen, back home from Holland for a holiday, talking about his "difference of opinion" with National coach Frank Arok.

Petersen, who twice turned his back on Socceroo selection, blames a breakdown in communication for the misunderstanding.

"That time when he sent me home because I was improperly dressed, I didn't realise he meant go and get changed and come back. I thought he meant that's it, goodbye, see you later and I was finished," Petersen recounted.

"Then when, a couple of days later, I found out my mistake and Arok said 'welcome back', that's when I made the biggest mistake of all. I was under pressure from Juventus to go on the end of season trip to play against Roma, so I opted for the trip and turned down the Socceroos.

It's something I've bitterly regretted ever since. Even though I would probably have ended up only sitting on the bench I could have been part of the scene. I should have done the right thing and I didn't."

Mike Petersen, born and bred in Australia and whose father was an Australian international, had a dream start in Soccer, although he is quick to point out that his father never pushed him into the game — quite the reverse.

"I want you to write that," he says. "Dad was a Phys. Ed. teacher, but when I was about eight-years-old and asked him for a footy (the oval one), he never demurred, and he never once said 'why don't you play Soccer'."

Petersen didn't play footy for long, though. But, by the time he was nine, he was playing for Melbourne under well-known junior coach Leif Jensen, and from there he went on to Port Melbourne to play first in the under 14's and then one season in the seniors.

He was in distinguished company there, too. Among his team-mates were Joe Palatidis, Mehmet Durakovic and Andrew Zinni of Juventus, Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg, Aki Kotzamalichis of Polonia and Mike Hamakiotis of Caulfield.

"It was some team," muses Mike, "and most of

us are still mates."

Heidelberg snapped him up next, for what he describes wryly as "two interesting years". Interesting is an understatement.

In his first year the Bergers had four coaches — Len McKendry, Ken Morton and then Jim Tansey and Gary Cole coaching together.

During the next close season, Brian Garvey arrived.

"We went into the Buffalo Cup without seven senior players who were on strike over money," says Petersen.

"So all we younger players found ourselves in the first team. Brian didn't know any different, of course, he'd arrived the day before the first game, and the committee said 'that's the squad' and that was that.

"And, we did all right, too. Against all expectations we got some good results and we never got slaughtered.

"Then the big boys settled their differences and came back. Garvey must have thought all his birthdays had come at once!"

Petersen had spent two years at Heidelberg when his lucky break came along, through another player's misfortune, as so often happens.

"I wanted to get away, but nobody came for me. The '85 season kicked off and I was resigned to staying with the Bergers when Richard Miranda broke his ankle and Juventus bought me. It was the best move I ever made, we went on to win the championship and it was great."

Before the Juventus opportunity came along, Petersen had been disappointed over a missed opportunity in Holland.

"My two-year contract with Heidelberg was up, so I went to Holland for a trial with NAC-Breda. They were pleased with me and wanted me to stay and actually made me a good offer, but I was homesick (I was only 19 at the time) and I came back home.

"They 'phoned me seven-

PETERSEN IS ON THE VERGE OF MAKING IT IN HOLLAND



Mike Petersen signs autographs for youngsters in Holland.

ral times, but then they changed their minds about the money and it just fell through."

But, his second chance came along near the end of last season.

"People thought that my dad pushed me into going to Ajax, but that's not so," he says.

"What happened was that an Israeli scout, who said he was looking for talent for Liverpool, had approached me here and said he would like to make up a video tape of me in action and show it to Liverpool. We made the tape, but he never came for it. I forgot about it, until my dad was about to go on a business trip to Holland.

"He took my tape with him and once over there 'phoned Liverpool, but they weren't interested, mainly because the work permit would be difficult to get. But, he showed it to an old mate who, at the time, was a trainer with Ajax, and that's how it all came about."

So, what's it like at Ajax?
"Hard, bloody hard, that's what. Compared with what goes on over there, we don't know we're born here. For a start we train twice a day, at 10.30am and again at 2pm. That's Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, then Friday and Saturday it's 10.30am only, Sunday you play, and on Monday it's back to training.

"And, it's such a rat-race, it's dog eat dog. Johan Cruyff tells you that quite frankly.

"You don't have any mates, because everyone is battling for a place and there's no picking the team out of friendship.

"Ajax would rank amongst the top half dozen clubs in Europe, but the money there is very poor compared to what you can get in Italy, Spain, England or even Belgium.

"And, if you are an import, it's very hard to make the grade, even if you have ability. Because you need more than ability, you also need

the fierce drive to succeed that sets the champions apart.

"That's why I admire lads like Eddie Krncevic, Dave Mitchell and Tony Dorigo so much. They had to tough it out and now that I've had a taste of it I know how they must have felt.

"Ajax's poor pay structure and hard training regime are two reasons why they don't keep good players long. The club's renowned for being a training ground for better things. But I'm going back, because I think I can make it, and because Ajax has been good to me."

Petersen says he thinks his contract still has 12 months to run, after which he can come back to Australia free, if he wants.

"I say, I think so because

although I can speak Dutch, I can't read it and I had to have somebody look at the contract for me.

"I'm sick at missing the UEFA Cup final too, because I would have been in the squad as the club had had so many injuries. But, I injured my hip at training and that was that.

"Now I find myself being pulled in two different directions. I'm very patriotic since I've been overseas — after all I'm Aussie born and bred — and there's nothing to equal playing in the green and gold.

"But I also want to make the grade at Ajax, if only to justify their faith in me. Deep in my heart, though, I know that if I was ever given another opportunity to join the National squad, I'd jump at it."

BE RID OF THAT WASTE GOALIE HANDLING TIME

BY JOHNNY WARREN

GOALKEEPERS of the world will not like what I am about to say. However it has been a pet annoyance to me about the amount of time goalkeepers in general spend with the ball.

They stop it, roll it, pick it up, bounce it three or four times and take up too much valuable playing time.

I would like to see FIFA follow in the footsteps of its indoor Soccer brother FIFUSA by limiting the amount of time a keeper has to get rid of the ball.

To test just how much time keepers waste I did a survey during the recent Brunswick Juventus — Sydney Croatia match in Sydney.

The two keepers Marama [Brunswick] and Franken [Sydney Croatia] were really not good test cases.

Franken in fact is one of the fastest players of the ball while Marama with his side behind was quicker than most goalkeepers when they play away.

The goalkeepers were in possession 55 times during the match Marama 32 and Franken 23.

The average possession time was 9.25 seconds or a staggering total out of playing time of 8 minutes 29 seconds.

Again this was a bettermatch for keepers in terms of their quicker distribution.

My point is that goalkeepers receive an unnecessary privilege in that they can take, within reason, as long as they like to play the ball.

How our strikers, midfielders and defenders would like a similar luxury.

A time limit on goalkeepers — of say three seconds — would speed up the game and put goalkeepers on a similar footing to other players in having to part company with the ball as quickly as possible.

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IT came as no surprise when two APIA-Leichhardt players, Charlie Yankos and Jean-Paul de Marigny, were chosen in the 18 man National squad.

I don't have to comment on Charlie Yankos, the Australian captain.

But I would like to point out what a super player Jean-Paul is.

Intelligent and mature, I believe he is the biggest thing to hit Australia as left-back since the heyday of Col Curran. That is saying something.

Before that came the announcement of the NSW squad for the ACT game at Bruce Stadium next Monday, followed by the regular Queensland clash at Perry Park.

APIA's Tony Pezzano, Arno Bertogna, Burim Zajmi, Peter Tredinnick and Rod Brown all won selection.

Apart from having the two internationals and gaining five places in the State team from a coach who reckoned APIA would run 10th in the league shows that we are now being well recognised.

I was intrigued that state coach Alan Vest was quoted that he had consulted both Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson over selection of players.

Does that mean that I am in the category "on the outside?"



Jean-Paul de Marigny (left) ... on the move.

CHARLIE IS A DARLING!

BY TOM MCKAIN "The Italian Stallion"

CHARLIE Villani will be the Winfield Soccerroo under most pressure this season. He is being hailed as the next brilliant individualist capable of turning a game on his own.

And certainly who will forget his run last year to set up the goal for Steve Maxwell in the top five decider against Olympic in Sydney.

Former World Cup coach Rale Rasic has sung his praises, City supporters christened him the "Italian Stallion", and Soccerroo boss Frank Arok has been quoted as saying 30 minutes of Villani magic can win any game.

John Margaritis, Heidelberg boss and one of Arok's assistants, says Villani should be playing for Juventus in Italy and not Adelaide City Juventus.

The player, himself, has taken all the praise in his stride so far.

But he is aware he seldom, if ever, plays for 90 minutes.

Always cool, he is a laid back person, seldom letting his emotions show.

When asked why he could not "play like that all the time and every week" after his grand final performance, he replied:

"It was a big occasion. I like big occasions. I like big occasions."

He was once told by Arok that he had to lift his game and be more consistent or there would be no place for him in the Soccerroos.

But those who know the big midfielder-striker realised a long time ago that he was worth his place in any team.

The fact that he is not always on the ball or looking for it does not mean he is bludging.

Muscles

When the opposition least expects it, his muscular frame takes off leaving a trail of flying legs and arms

and the ball either finishes in the back of the net or at the feet or head of a team-mate in the box.

And it is disaster for any team to try and hack him down.

That is when Villani is at his best.

His retaliation comes in the form of going berserk with the ball at his feet, running, chasing weaving and shooting on sight.

Scottish superstar Dixie Deans once said he hoped

someone would "kick Charlie early."

"When he gets his dander up no one can stop him," said the striker who had two successful stints with the Adelaide club before returning to his native Scotland.

Every year since the National League was formed, interstate coaches have tried to woo the South Australian to their clubs.

But, as he is on the field, he has played it cool and while talking about a move,

has finished up reporting for pre-season training with City.

Crystal Ball

And despite all the pre-selection forecasting that he would be an automatic selection for the Soccerroo squad, he said he was nervous before Arok announced the 23 to train for the Everton match and the trip to Korea for the President's Cup.

"Everyone said I would be in, but I was sweating when the time came to hear the squad list, and it was a relief when Frank read out my name," said Villani.

And he is still not counting his good fortune.

"For a start I still have to make a regular place in the team, and I've got excited before about national teams and been disappointed."

The 25-year-old "veteran" was referring to the times he was a Youth Soccerroo and three times had to pull out because of injury.

Then he made it into the senior line-up for a trip to New Caledonia, but that tour was called off because of a political crisis.

Villani is another example that Australian can produce star players of quality.

While he has an ethnic background, his Soccer career started at Unley Primary School, continued at the Unley High School, then with the juniors at City.

Now his sights are set on the President's Cup, the Olympics, then what would be a magic trip to the country where his roots are — Italy for the next World Cup!



CHARLIE VILLANI ... skills you wouldn't believe.

JEAN-PAUL IS A SUPER PLAYER

I think that it would be a good idea if all coaches were consulted.

Insiders

Club coaches know in depth matters about their players, which can be very valuable indeed.

Had I been consulted I would have recommended Mark Brown. Here is a left-footer playing right-back in a top team and he is consistently a top player.

He is steadier than any of our other defenders.

Whichever star winger he comes up against — Frank Farina, Andrew Zinni or Chris Kalantzis — he will take a big job on his shoulders and do it well.

The same sort of position that could apply to Alan Vest should apply to my relationship with Frank Arok.

Whether we like each other personally is not the point. We should get on together in the interests of the sport.

It all gets around to consulting in the interests of Soccer.

Young Demons

When Les Scheinflug moved to coach Blacktown City it came as something of a shock to some people.

But when you think of it, Les's accent on youth dovetails in with the stated principles of the club.

He has had links with the

Australian Institute of Sport and does of course coach the Australian youth team.

Look what he has done. Young players like Kurt Reynolds, Jason Van Blerk and Ralph Maier have been added to the squad.

There are instant results and you are looking at the basis of a team that will go for 10 years.

It's a lesson to clubs in which way to go.



STEVE O'CONNOR

For example some buy the Steve O'Connors, Alex Robertsons and Greg Browns, but Les knew exactly who he was after.

In a way it is something like the old business of pro-



RALE RASIC — the man who led Australia to the 1974 World Cup and current APIA coach writes for ASW and he holds nothing back!

ducing versus buying. You could spend \$200,000 and not do what Blacktown has done.

Add one or two stars and you have a full-strength National League team.

Gifted

Raul Blanco has been helping Les at Blacktown.

He is a person with great gifts. He ran the Demons when Les was hospitalised.

He put Canterbury in the top league two years ago.

A man of his ability would make his name in any set-up.

Finally I congratulate Evan Venios recently on his refereeing. I should have mentioned Dennis Voutsinas.

Perhaps it is a measure of the rarity of my compliments for referees that led me into error!

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Heidelberg	9	3	2	4	17	17	8
Preston	9	2	3	4	9	11	7
St George	9	3	1	5	8	14	7
Footscray	9	1	2	6	3	16	4
Sunshine	9	-	2	7	9	24	2

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (S Stevenson) LEICHHARDT 1 (R Brown) at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (C Kalantzis 2, R Hooker) FOOTSCRAY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4324.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (J Mullen, C Villani, P Wilde) SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Z Odzakov, R Slater) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4860.

MARCONI 3 (I Roodhouse og F Farina, S Maxwell) PRESTON 2 (S Smith, R Campbell) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (P Lewis 2) SUNSHINE 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2500.

BRUNSWICK 1 (Lane) ST GEORGE 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 600.

CROATIA GO TO SLEEP

BY FRANK COLETTA

A MOMENTARY lapse in concentration during a monumental second half by Sydney Croatia allowed champions Adelaide City to take their match at the Croatian Sports Centre 3-2.

With just eight minutes remaining and the home side more likely to take both points, the black and whites received a free-kick 22 metres from goal.

Adrian Santrac released Sergio Melta with a pass that was always on, but the Croatian defence fell asleep. Melta's cross was headed in by the equally unattended Paul Wilde.

"They attacked once in the second half and scored," lamented Croatia coach Vedran Rozic. "We came out and tried very hard in the second half and we had all the play. One mistake and that was the end."

To their credit the South Australian outfit started attacking from the outset and the 1-0 lead was fully deserved after 28 minutes when a cross from rookie defender Collin Miller was headed in by the hard-working Joe Mullen.

Mullen starred for Adcity and was involved in a running battle with another vigorous player in Croatia's Ante Rumora throughout the 90 minutes.

Croatia's reply came via a magnificently bent free-kick from Zarko Odzakov.

The Socceroo midfielder played and early on looked

to be favouring his injured knee and took part tentatively. But there was nothing wrong with his equaliser. Referee Arthur Owens penalised the City side just two metres outside the area and Odzakov contrived to curl the ball over the wall and into the top right hand corner.

Despite having relinquished the lead the visitors kept up the pressure and went 2-1 up four minutes from the break when Charlie Villani was allowed to dribble across the area and drill a shot into the net beyond Anthony Franken's dive.

But Croatia came out like a team possessed after the half-time interval and peppered the Adelaide goal, particularly Graham Arnold.

In the space of 10 minutes either side of the break Willie McNally had to make three saves from headers.

Wilde seemed set to sew up the points for his side when he was put into the clear by Melta with only Franken in goal to beat. But as the tall blond striker approached and tried to round him the young goalie threw himself bravely at Wilde's feet and smothered the shot at point blank range.



GRAHAM ARNOLD is trapped by two Adelaide City defenders.

This gave Croatia the impetus to go forward and grab another equaliser and this they did in the 70th minute when a cross from substitute Manis Lamond found Robbie Slater.

Slater controlled the ball beautifully, turned and sent a rocket dipping into the top corner of the net.

If either of the sides was going to win at this stage it was Croatia. They had the ascendancy and Adelaide City on the back foot yet out of nowhere City counter-attacked, received a free-kick and punished a serious lapse by the home team as Wilde nodded in Melta's cross.

Rozic agreed afterwards that the epic midweek Cup semi-final had taken its toll on his side and had gone a long way to bringing about Croatia's first home loss since 1984 when Marconi triumphed at the Edensor Park haven.

"I think it affected us more in the first half. We just could not get going but we really lost it other than being Zoran Matic was still not totally satisfied with his team's performance.

"It wasn't one of our best games that's for sure," he said. So what about his all-star line-up?

"When Sergio Melta

plays Adelaide City plays. So far this year he's been beaten. That last goal shouldn't have been scored, there was no marking," he stated.

His Adelaide counterpart under immense pressure and hasn't really performed."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Jennings, Savor, Viletstra, Rozic, Jones, Clinch (Lamond 67), Odzakov (Rezo 60), Rumora, Slater, Arnold.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohous, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Wilde, Vidmar, Miller.

CROWD: 4860.

REFEREE: A.Owens (NSW)
BOOKINGS: Mark Jones (Syd Croatia), Joe Mullen (Adcity).

OLYMPIC BLAST FOOTSCRAY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC with a first half display of powerful, speedy Soccer, demolished a depleted Footscray 3-0 at the St George Stadium.

The victory lifted Sydney Olympic two places up the League ladder to eighth spot and just two points out of the five.

Footscray took the field without four of their regular players through injuries. Most missed was Ernie Tapai who suffered an injury

during a training session with the Australian squad two weeks ago.

Drago Sekularac, Footscray's highly popular coach, pleaded after the match: "How can a team win a match with four of its top players out?"

"I badly need two or three

more players to strengthen the side and hopefully, within a few weeks, I'll have a top centre-back here from Red Star, plus a guest striker to bolster our attack."

Sydney Olympic looked in a savage mood early in the first half and broke the ice as early as in the 10th minute.

A well-taken corner slung in from the right by skipper, Peter Raskopoulos, saw Chris Kalantzis crash a spectacular 10 metre volley. Kalantzis again scored in the 30th minute when he got on the end of a perfect cross slung in from the right by man-of-the-match, Stuart Johnston.

Just a minute later Footscray pressured Olympic for the first time through a well-taken 20 metre free-kick by Oscar Crino. Crino's blast zeroed on target over the wall, but giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier, fully stretched to his left, pulled off a magnificent save.

Olympic made it 3-0 just nine minutes before "drinks" when a clever cross by Johnston was met by left-fullback, Robbie Hooker.

Hooker rounded his defender before belting home a vicious left-footed rocket that hit the target.

And that was about it for the rest of the match.

Sydney Olympic became ragged for the entire second half as Footscray, obviously fearful of conceding more goals, dropped a midfielder back to stiffen the back-four.

Only midfielders Eddie Campbell and Crino tried hard for Footscray.

But the Olympic midfield was too powerful and imaginative for the visitors particularly Johnston, who had a wonderful match, setting up two of his side's three goals.

In central defence, Olympic's twin-centre-backs, David Ratcliffe and Mike

Coady, looked majestically in command, especially Coady who constantly kept shifting people to cover zones.

A dejected Crino after the match, lamented, "We just didn't have the necessary man-power or the character to hold Olympic."

Olympic coach, Eddie Thomson, trying to explain why his team "died" in the second half, analysed: "We rushed our attacks instead of steadily building up through the midfield and hit space with long over-ambitious balls."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Dragicevic, Coady, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Hooker: Johnston (Patallis 76th), Raskopoulos, Estavillo (Saad 66th): Kosmina, Kalantzis.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic: Curovic (Vanderberg 74th), Karic, James, Barjaktarevic: Bozicovski, Campbell, Crino, Burlak: Spink, Lujic.

Referee: K.Small.
Crowd: 4,324.
Yellow Card: Curovic.

A FORGETTABLE GAME

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS beat St George at Olympic Park in a game that was instantly forgettable.

Probably the best aspect of the game from Juve's point of view was that the two points kept it in the final five hunt.

Juventus will be pleased, too, that they are facing a three week break because it will give their players a chance to recover from injuries.

Andrew Zinni was brilliant in the opening period, so much so that the unlucky David Green, assigned to mark him, had to resort to rugby tactics to stop him.

One passage of play in particular stood out.

Zinni received the ball with his back to Green, pulled it down and turned in one movement, and then left him for dead as he streaked for goal.

His pass was inch perfect to Scott Patterson but the big striker blasted the ball high wide and not so handsome.

Sean Lane, who mysteriously has lost all form, had the best opportunity of the half, but he was slow to react and St George goalie Mike Gibson was quickly off his line to foil him.

Zinni was fouled heavily by Green just before the interval and didn't come out for the second half.

Juve brought on Luciano Fabrizio at fullback and pushed Joe Palatsidis, playing in the suspended Peter Lewis' place, up front.

It turned out to be a winning move by coach Len McKendry because Palatsidis gave the St George defence almost as much trouble as Zinni.

In fact it was he who made the winner.

He slipped his marker and put Lane away with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Gibson had no alternative but to bring the striker down, and Lane himself scored from the resulting penalty.

The game got a bit willing after that, and unfortunately referee Bill Monteverde, who had a nightmare of a game, was unable to get a grip.

In one episode, Palatsidis challenged Gibson for a high ball which the 'keeper collected safely.

Monteverde blew for a foul against Palatsidis, where upon Gibson knock-

ed him down and as Palatsidis got up Alex Lampropoulos pushed him over again.

And all this under the referee's nose before the free kick could be taken.

I Suppose everyone was a little on edge me included, because the kick off was delayed for half an hour because of a Salvation Army rally!

They were holding a rally in the Entertainment Centre, and the police closed off one street whilst the Sally's brass bands marched along.

So we all had to wait while the Juventus fans found parking spaces.

No wonder the club is looking for somewhere else to play.

However, team manager Joe Caruso could still smile after all that, because he had signed striker Frank McGrellis right under South Melbourne's nose.

McGrellis a striker who has had experience with Hereford United was to have come to South Melbourne last year from South Africa.

JUVENTUS: Marama, Palatsidis,

Incantalupo, Brown, Yzendilrn, Belic, Grbac, Cullen, Zinni (Fabrizio HT), Lane, Patterson.

St George: Gibson, Green, (Ricoy 73rd) Lampropoulos, (Kulcsar 73rd), O'Connor, O'Shea, Potter, Moffitt, Hagen, Ollershaw, Koczka, Fletcher.



St George keeper Mike Gibson goes the wrong way for a penalty. Photo by Les Shorrock.

ROCKET ROD SCORES AGAIN AS EGAN AND WARD SPICE IT UP!

HOSPITABLE Zeus deserted Middle Park Last Sunday. The Ancient Greek God of hospitality abandoned the home of South Melbourne as angry supporters demanded revenge from Apia substitute Gary Ward, for his alleged bloody attack on idol Gary McDowall.

Ward allegedly smacked McDowall during a duel causing a gash that required six stitches. The clash was the bloody aftermath of a verbal exchange between Charlie Egan and Ward after South Melbourne had taken the lead through Stuart Stevenson.

Egan showed the proof of his manhood to Apia's bench after the goal, thus provoking some nasty verbal exchanges with Ward.

Rale Rasic decided to abolish his fullbacks for the day, attacking the ball with five midfielders.

Part of Rasic's tactics was also the assignment of marking duties to Mark Brown and Arno Bertogna.

Brown pinned Charlie Egan to the ground until he was replaced by Danny Wright, but Bertogna had difficulties containing live-wire Stuart Stevenson.

With Apia looking poised to take the lead Stevenson broke the deadlock in the 26th minute with a opportunist goal.

Dannie Crainie lobbed the ball inside Pezzano's area and towering Steve Blair rose majestically to head the ball goalward. The ball ran across the goal mouth for incoming Stevenson to tap it in the net.

Apia continued dominating the game in the second half and managed to grab the equaliser thanks to a blunder by South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

Laumets failed to control a ground cross by Jean-Paul de Marigny fumbling the ball to lurking Rodney Brown, who slotted it in the net.

Apia had a lucky escape 10 minutes before full time when Crainie latched onto a through ball by midfielder Richard Miranda but failed to find the target with his ground shot.

Minutes earlier Egan rattled the crossbar with a scissor kick, from a Crainie corner. — **CON NIKOLOPOULOS**

SOUTH Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postekoglou, Blair, McDowall, Crainie, Hoalford, Miranda, Wade, Stevenson, Egan (Wright 78). **APIA-Leichhardt:** Pezzano, Yankos, M Brown, de Marigny, Bertogna, Katholos (Ward 75) Treddinnick, Butler, Bundalo, Zajimi, R Brown.

REFEREE: Mellings.

CROWD: 2,517.

Marconi Bounce Back!

REPORTS GREG BLAKE

PRESTON MAKEDONIA turned on a classic Jekyll and Hyde performance at home to high-flying Marconi on Sunday.

The star-studded Sydney club, spurred by substitutes Steve Maxwell and Robbie Wheatley, didn't need a second chance and came from behind twice to take the match 3-2.

It must be said that Preston — or more specifically Zoran Tacevski — almost gave the game away earlier on.

Tacevski is a quality player but he might not have finished the game.

Tacevski, cautioned early after a tangle with Frank Farina, was involved in a number of incidents, the first with Atti Carbone and then he himself was felled some 30 metres behind play.

The finger was pointed at big Gerry Gomez and a private war between him and Tacevski began.

The third clash between the pair ended the day for the Marconi defender as he left the field with suspected bruised ribs.

Gomez, however, wasn't phased by the physical aspect of the game.

"Tacevski is tough but I played with Sydney City for many years and I learned to be tough too," he told reporters.

"When I come up against someone tough I like it, it's part of the game.

The aggression aside Sunday's first half provided plenty of fine football with the best coming from a Preston side which still lacks a finishing touch.

But justice was done with seven seconds left on the clock as Zoran Ilioski played a ball down the line for Ron Campbell whose shot cannoned off the near post for Steve Smith to tap the ball home.

Just 45 seconds after the interval Marconi levelled when Ian Roodhouse, under pressure, deflected a David Lowe cross into his own net.

Preston again went ahead inside two minutes when Lee Sterrey handled a shot from Campbell and he scored from the subsequent penalty.

Bruce James pulled off two super saves from Smith and Ilioski but slowly the match balance shifted as first Maxwell and then Wheatley appeared off the bench and big Tony Henderson pushed up to midfield.

Preston, initially pressured into mistakes, began to make unforced errors and that was the signal for Marconi to ram home its advantage.

Eight minutes from full-time the bustling Maxwell's shot was cruelly clipped into the path of Farina by Campbell as he tried to clear and Farina made no mistake from close range.

Maxwell made it 3-2 two minutes later as he raced clear of his marker and into the box to meet Lowe's cross from the left.

PRESTON: Trainedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Tacevski, Dobson, Ilioski, Gojevic, Stewart, Campbell, Smith, Dimovski.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Gomez (Wheatley 64), Carbone (Maxwell 57), Rizzotto, Gray, Nasteviski, Lowe, Farina.

REFEREE: D.Voutsinis.

CROWD: 2019.

BOOKINGS: Farina (Marconi), Tacevski (Preston), Nasteviski (Marc).



BRUNSWICK clear against St George.

LEWIS PAIR SINKS GEORGE CROSS

BY JOHN MANGAN

A disappointing second half cost Sunshine George Cross victory as it crashed 2-0 at home to Melbourne Croatia.

Paul Lewis was the hero scoring both the visitors' goals which George Cross fans hotly disputed.

And it just wasn't George Cross' weekend as coach John Gardiner broke his leg on Saturday so although in attendance, his assistant Jimmy Rooney looked after the team.

The best chance of the first half fell to George Cross striker Paul Trimboli on the quarter hour when he cut between two defenders with the ball.

With the option to try a shot, he instead took the ball wide and centred to Carl Gilder whose shot was blocked.

Robert Markovac picked up the rebound but with the Croatia defence reeling, his shot was scrambled off the line.

The first half ended with a bizarre two minute sequence of square passes between Georgie defenders as the other players looked on waiting in vain for a positive move.

The second half saw the visitors assume dominance with George Cross unable to seriously threaten Croatia's goal.

Lewis' first goal came in the 55th minute when a corner cleared a group of players and fell for him to shoot from close range.

Though there was some suspicion of hand ball, the referee had no doubt and the goal stood.

Lewis's second came two minutes from time when he caught the George Cross defenders too far forward and they could only watch as he knocked the ball past goalkeeper Sean Keogh.

The teams: Sunshine George Cross: Keogh, Taylor, Campell, Parton, Richardson, Faulkner, Markovski, Bain, Trimboli, Markovac (Edwards 67th), Gilder (McLaren 67th).

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Hannah, Bliskic, Scott (Campbell 81st), Wallace, Milosevic, Lewis, Heys.

Referee: Jim Rossis. Crowd: 2,500.

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ALEX VESIC
reviews the
NSW State Bank League

TURNING POINT

IT WAS the week that will be remembered as the turning point in this year's State Bank State League Championship.

Blacktown City kept its four point lead after beating Canterbury; Canberra kept pace by beating Wollongong Macedonia, while Melita Eagles kept its hopes alive at the expense of Ku-Ring-Gai.

Wollongong City got one point on the stroke of full time to keep its challenge alive.

And so the big four peeled off from the rest of the League with the nearest to the Eagles, Uruguayan Penrith three points behind.

The most convincing were yet again the Blacktown Demons. A goal in each half by Brett Thornthwaite sunk the eager Canterbury players.

If it wasn't for Chris Hummell it would have been far worse for the visitors. Amongst many saves, Hummell saved a penalty from Gary Byrne!

Melita fell a goal behind

after Jeffery netted his seventh goal in the last eight weeks. Greg Brown led the charge to see Melita go 3-1 up before Ferguson struck back close to full time.

Inter Monaro had Wollongong City on the ropes leading 3-2 with one minute remaining. Then an inexplicable handling by Domazetovich presented Wolves with an easy point.

Sutherland strode within three points of the top four at the expense of the hapless Sea Eagles at Cromer Park. Unbeaten in their last three games Sutherland are the only real threat to the top four.

At the other end of the scale, Manly Warringah is in deep trouble. Its early season form has given way to a slump with four successive defeats to see the club four spots from the bottom and

just as many points from Wollongong Macedonia.

Canberra City kept its challenge with a well taken goal by Augusto Palacios and if the Griffins are to beat Inter Monaro in a deferred match the battle for promotion to the NSL will hot up in earnest.

Suprise of the round was the 1-0 win to Warringah Freshwater over Rockdale Ilinden. "We struck form at the right time," said ex-Blacktown "sparkie" Steve Knight.

The form of Porter, Radosavljevic and Knight was the telling factor.

Uruguay and Newcastle played an attractive type of game at Cook Park with the locals notching their fifth win of the season to keep on Melita's heels.



GARY BYRNE on the hop for Blacktown City.

SHIRE IN CONTROL

SUTHERLAND Shire were always in control at Cromer to win by a comfortable two goal margin and send Manly to their fourth successive defeat.

An early drive by Mark Harrington from some 18 metres saw Tingle well beaten to give the visitors their lead.

Mark Cimarosti managed to elude his markers in the 60th minute to score from just outside the box with a well taken shot.

Sutherland decided to make a change bringing on Tony Caban in place of Daryl Sharpe and it paid off within a few minutes as Caban scored following a scramble in front of Tingle.

John O'Shea scored with 10 minutes remaining to seal the issue. Steve Meades cross was nodded down by Craig Hall and O'Shea was on hand

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Stuart, Pearce, Robin, Juergens, Carrick, Williamson, Cimarosti, Etherington, Loughran.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Cox, Terry, Seller, J.O'Shea, Meades, Harrington, Lerond, Hall, Sharpe (Caban 61st).

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PALACIOS GETS WINNER

AUGUSTO Palacios, Canberra Griffins' player-coach, scored the only goal of the game to keep his side in touch with Blacktown City.

Wollongong Macedonia looked set to play its two Yugoslav imports and a very strong crowd turned up in the hope of seeing their new arrivals in the action.

However, Miroslav Kocovski and Sane Popovski did not get the necessary clearance prior to the match and turned up as spectators.

Following Macedonia's listless display one would safely assume that the two imports will take their places

next weekend in midfield to bolster the fortunes of the last placed club.

Very few goal mouth incidents were recorded in this match but most chances fell to the visitors. Only five minutes into the match and Ray Junna stroled around Ruskin to face Milenkovski but his shot went high and well over the bar.

With five minutes to go to half time it was Ray Junna who broke through to find Alan Reis but the Griffins sharp shooter failed to find the net from a good position.

Macedonia made some inroads on the stroke of an hour and looked set to score. Brian Brown and the Canberra goalkeeper raced for the ball with the striker closer to it.

However, his shot bounced off the keeper and Canberra were quick in their counter attack to find Palacios, who showed just how deadly he is in front of goal to put his side one up.

Wollongong side battled gamely and created a couple of scoring chances but managed to waste them.

Wollongong had its best player in Phil Kerr while Palacios was the star for the visitors. In view of Kerr's performance one would have to question the wisdom of Macedonian side to keep him on the bench for most of

the season to date.

WOLLONGONG MACE: Milenkovski, Muhlbauer, Sweeney, Ruskin, Kerr, Willis, Allport, Daskovski, Bonetic (Giraldi 65th), Brown, Gardiner.

CANBERRA: Glinescu (Economopoulos), Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Suarez, P.Reis, Juna, Sermani, Palacios, A.Reis, Gonzales.

LOST IN THE LAST MINUTE

AN 89th minute goal by David Batten gave Uruguayan Penrith its third home win of the season and fifth spot in the State League.

It looked as if those willing youngsters from Newcastle were going to take home at least one point after Penfold put them ahead after only two minutes play at Cook Park.

Soon after Derek Caisley suffered an injury, but the youngster hobbled about bravely before being replaced in the 24th minute by Steve Tysson.

By then the locals had equalised through John McKie, having taken hold of the proceedings with John Bradley controlling traffic at will.

The back-peddalling visitors worked hard to keep Uruguayan Penrith at bay and looked home and hosed until an unfortunate error by the young keeper led to a free kick which was eventually converted by Batten.

It was a deserved win and the shock of the season - and after their display at Cook Park last Sunday it would not surprise to see this outfit clean up a few of the more prominent names.

John Bradley and a bunch of ex-Blacktown City Demons are keen to show that they are more than just a competitive outfit and with Washington Gonzales directing traffic from behind the side that will cause more than mere nuisance value in weeks to come.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, Ganciani, O'Donnell, Gonzales, Bourke, Tomasich, Hunter(70th Batten), Bradley, Thompson, Genc (55th Krslovic), McKie.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Roberts, Milosevic, Bowen, Cavanah, Penfold, McGuinness (Baillie 78th), Bland, Gresham, Caisley (Tysson 24th), N.Drysdale.

CITY READY FOR BEST

BLACKTOWN CITY played with the poise and accuracy of a team ready to take on the National League clubs at their best to brush past an entertaining but less proficient Canterbury Marrickville.

Roy Cotton was on the mark in the 14th minute. He rounded two players before facing Hummell, but the Berries keeper managed to block the shot. Brett Thornthwaite ran onto the ball to find the net and give them a deserved lead.

From then on it was all Blacktown as the home side stroked the ball about in brilliant fashion creating gaping holes in front of Hummell. Alas, the forwards failed to capitalise.

In the 22nd minute, following a corner kick from the right hand side, the ball

fell to Thornthwaite who blasted his shot but Hummell managed to block.

Some desperate defence by Canterbury kept the Demons at bay for the rest of the half.

Soon after half time Grant Lee was given the best chance of this match when facing Hummell and he failed to find the net.

Paul Kay burst through in the 67th then slipped his pass to Thornthwaite who beat Hummell with a superb drive from some 10 metres.

A further chance to the locals came after Cotton

found Lee with a well measured free kick. Lee raced into the area but was brought down and Gary Byrne strode to the spot to take the spot kick. However, the man who should be given the best pay packet of the day, Chris Hummell, flew to his side to affect a superb save.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Denyer, Northam, Byrne, Kay, Ellem, Lee, Cotton, Thornthwaite.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Antoniadis, Mickovski, Vandarakis, Eftimiades, Radman, George, Kalogeras, Stavropoulos, Alexis, Arambasic.

MIRKO IS THE STAR

MIRKO Radosavljevic, Warringah Freshwater's latest import from Yugoslavia, was the star for his side as bottom placed Warringah knocked Rockdale out of running for one of the top four spots.

It would take more than a mere effort by Rockdale to catch up with fourth placed Melita. In fact one would safely assume that Rockdale from here on will be looking to safety first only.

To add insult to injury, Jimmy Risteviski, the stylish striker from Rockdale was sent off midway through the second half for a heavy tackle on Cassachia.

Warringah led 1-0 at the time and his dismissal hardly helped the cause of Rockdale.

Ljubo Gojkovic, Warringah's coach, was elated with the performance of his new player, Radosavljevic. "He would shade Tony Dakos in most departments of Soccer and will be regarded as the Australian Beckenbauer in the very near future," said Gojkovic.

In fact it was the stylish Yugoslav who started the move which eventually produced the only goal of the game. He opened the space for Cassachia who pushed it to Fagan and a cross to the far post found Porter free to score.

Warringah's cause was helped by the change in its line-up. Knight and Cassachia took over at full-back positions and with

Radosavljevic and Dean controlling proceedings at the back this Warringah side looked safe as a bank - State Bank I suppose.

ROCKDALE: Barker, Boogaard, J.Wilson, Pilovski, Mitrevski, Tor-

teviski, Darlington(Bottalico), Nas-toski(D.Wilson), Genovese, Dounis, Risteviski (sent off 65th).

WARRINGAH: Warren, Cassachia, Knight, Drlene, Radosavljevic, Dean, Campbell, Duckling (Placer), Porter, De Ceglie (Corri-gan), Fagan.

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Blacktown City	12	10	1	1	33	6	21
Canberra Griffin	11	7	3	1	17	8	17
Wollongong City	12	7	2	3	27	20	16
Melita Eagles	12	6	3	3	23	16	15
Uruguayan Penrith	12	5	2	5	23	22	12
Sutherland Shire	12	3		6	3	14	16
Newcastle	12	5	1	6	21	21	11
Rockdale Ilinden	12	4	2	6	16	17	10
Ku-Ring-Gai	12	3	4	5	16	20	10
Canterbury M'ville	12	3	4	5	16	23	10
Manly Warringah	12	5	0	7	11	20	10
Warringah F/Water	12	4	0	8	12	20	8
Inter Monaro	11	2	4	5	17	29	8
Wollongong Mace	12	2	2	8	10	21	6

KU-RING-GAI 2 (Jeffery, Ferguson) MELITA EAGLES 3 (Brown 2, Rodrigues).

INTER MONARO 3 (Fernandez, Gaggeri, Perinovic pen) WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Giraldi, Dickson, Ainsworth pen).

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Cimarosti) SUTHERLAND 3 (Harrington, Caban, J.O'Shea).

URUGUAYAN PENRITH 2 (McKie, Batten) NEWCASTLE 1 (Penfold).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 1 (Porter).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 CANBERRA GRIFFINS 1 (Palacios).

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Thornthwaite 2) CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0.

THE DEMONS ARE ON THE VERGE

BLACKTOWN City Demons are poised to take a six point lead next Sunday after a meeting with Canberra Griffins at the Gabbie.

Despite some good results this year I believe that Canberra will be on the losing end.

It will be a matter of too much speed and fire power that Demons have at their disposal that will decide the issue. The side which could afford to have Van Blerk, Sandy, Jeffries and the likes on the bench would surely have the edge over the Griffins.

At Marco Polo ground Inter Monaro will have its hands full against the Ku-Ring-Gai Chasers.

And I don't mind betting that the Chasers will win, despite some fine showings by the home side in recent weeks.

Manly Warringah will struggle yet again, this time against Wollongong City at Cromer Park.

However, this is going to be the one that Mark Cimaresti could use to his advantage. Wollongong has used

its offside trap for quite a long time to its advantage but a speedster like Cimaresti could surprise the visitors.

Uruguayan Penrith will have its hands full with high flying Sutherland Sharks. It will be a battle for the fifth spot and I believe that Sutherland will have an edge in this one.

Canterbury Marrickville will have little to look for against Melita Eagles at Arlington.

Chris Hummell will be again called upon to make some miraculous saves if Canterbury is to survive.

Rockdale Ilinden had an extraordinary meeting last night in order to clean up some of the attitude of its players.

It might provide for a much sharper Rockdale side in a game the home side must win to stay in touch. Newcastle is well equipped to

surprise the best and are not without a chance against Rockdale.

Wollongong Macedonia, with two Yugoslav recruits,

will face Warringah Freshwater at Berkeley. Miroslav Kocovski and Sane Popovski will front in their Australian debut but

will have to go past Radosavljevic and Dean to register the points for the home side.



ADAM SANDY rides a rough one.

LAST MINUTE ERROR COSTS A POINT

A LAST minute mistake by the Inter Monaro fullback Gabriel Domazetovich cost his side a point against Wollongong City at the Marco Polo ground last Sunday.

With Monaro seemingly assured of an upset 3-2 win, Domazetovich punched the ball away instead of heading it away, leaving referee Paul Murphy with an easy decision to award Wollongong a penalty kick.

City captain Jeff Ainsworth took the kick. Dennis Maric got close but not close enough, and Wollongong escaped with one point.

It was a miserable ending to a successful afternoon for Monaro, which led its championship-chasing rival for a good part of the game.

Monaro took the lead in the 21st minute. Victor Fernandez breaking down the right and beating Warwick Young with a well placed shot.

Wollongong's domination in the air and in front of goal showed up in the equaliser two minutes before the break as Robert Giraldi met a David Skeen corner to head past a couple of defenders.

But at the other end its heavy reliance on offside trap was its undoing. With 59 minutes gone fullback Joe Gaggetti brought the ball forward and to a man the City defence moved up in order to put the player in an offside position.

Instead Gaggetti carried right on literally passing the backline going in the opposite direction and ran on to slam the ball into an undefended goal.

The lead lasted 20 minutes during which Monaro sweeper Angelo Titilas and

City's Giraldi were sent off following a clash which resulted in a Monaro free kick then Scott Dickson grabbed City's equaliser and it seemed both sides would settle for the draw.

But the game had a sting in the tail. With five minutes to go Fernandez was fouled in the area and Marko Perinovic scored from the resultant penalty. And finally there was Domazetovich and his costly misjudgement.

INTER: Maric, Domazetovich, Gaggetti, B.Monterosso, Titilas (sent off 74th), Ambrosino, Colbertaldo, Panabianco, Perinovic, Fernandez, Glampalo (A.Monterosso 57th).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando (Stefanovski 62nd), Beringer, Hollifield, Caokely, Giraldi (sent off 74th), Ainsworth, Brodnik, Easthorpe, Dickson.

CROWD IS KEPT HAPPY

IT WAS standing room only at Parklands with the two sides displaying brilliant Soccer to entertain this large crowd. In the end it was Melita who won by the slenderest of margins and thoroughly deserved its win.

Denis Ford was humble in defeat praising Melita's effort. He was also quick to remind most that in the past if Ku-Ring-Gai scored two goals at Parklands it would have been enough to win.

Andrew Lacey was the hero and the villain for his side. For the third week in a row Lacey moved away from his line only to see a free kick sail over his head and into the net. Greg Brown was the scorer and with five minutes to half time it was Melita's equaliser.

Glen Jeffery opened the scoring in the 11th minute (I hate to say 'I told you so') after excellent service by Mark Nile, who shook off Meerbani's challenge, cut the ball back from the byline to see Pupovac par-

ry the cross to the feet of Jeffery to score.

Lacey had done well to pluck the ball from the feet of Brown in the fifth and Farnsworth in the 27th and other fine diving saves from Reveley in the 23rd and Rodrigues later in the game.

One sensed that the wind was taken out of Ku-Ring-Gai's sails in the second half. Nile had an early opportunity to put the Chasers in front but his shot finished well wide.

Brown had a couple of simple chances, hitting the woodwork in the 51st and shot over the bar in the 65th from close range. But the big striker had his reward in the 53rd minute when he easily outpaced Campbell drew Lacey out of goal and slipped it to Rodrigues to make it 2-1.

Brown scored his second in the 70th minute to give Melita the breathing space when he took advantage of some slack defensive work to grab an opportunist goal after a period of sustained pressure.

Ku-Ring-Gai pulled a goal back just three minutes later when Aaron Ferguson's glancing header at the near post from a Mike Berry corner beat the defence. Berry almost made it 3-3 in the 76th minute when his cunningly floated free kick beat the keeper but not the post!

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kavern, Goldsworthy, Campbell, Pepper, Sutherland (70th Ferguson), Quigley, Berry, Williamson (22 Bennett), Jeffery, Nile.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Meerbani, Reveley, Lomas, Wellbourne, Rodrigues, Callanan, Vial, Brown, Farnsworth.

Yugal vs North Bankstown

After a great first half in which Norths led 1-0, a bad 20 minute spell to start the second half saw Yugal score three goals in quick succession to wrestle the game away from North Bankstown.

Starting confidently and playing well, Norths created good scoring opportunities for Darren Stephenson and Alan Sirett but finally going one goal ahead when Mark Callaman found the net with a powerful header in the 30th minute.

Norths went to the break one goal ahead but just five minutes into the second half lost Shane Gallagher through injury.

Yugal capitalised immediately before Norths could resettle and scored the equaliser one minute later through T Sunjic.

Norths own-goaled just three minutes later and Yugal now enjoying the front running, applied the pressure to score their third goal

NSW DIV 2

LOCAL DERBY ENDS IN DRAW

KINGSFORD against Queens Park, a game promising so much ended in a lacklustre 0-0 draw. From the start both teams, determined for a win, played hard and fast without any threat to either goalkeeper.

The second half began with Queens Park the more dominant but the closest they came to scoring was a deep cross from the right hitting the Kingsford crossbar by John Hughes.

Shortly after a chance fell to Barry Walker whose shot was well saved by Perry Stanbrook.

In the closing stages, Kingsford had two half chances to score, both falling to Jim McBreen but Queens Park defence stood firm as it had done all day.

In the end, both teams were probably happy to share a point.

North Sydney Artarmon vs Fairy Meadow Italia North Sydney seemed to be dead and buried at halftime being 4-0 down through goals by Danzo (2) and King (2).

It was only four because of good saves by Paul Enwright, the North Sydney keeper.

The second half however produced a very spirited fightback by North Sydney with two goals by Johnny Gillies and another by Tony Grattwick.

through C Card in the 75th minute to put the game beyond Norths reach.

The highly experienced Des Marton was forced to leave the field through injury in the 70th minute.

NSW THIRD DIVISION

FROM WES SEWINA

THE weekends results provided little change to the competition although Granville Chile surprisingly dropped a point to the ever-improving Baulkham Hills in an exciting contest that resulted in a 2-2 draw.

West United reaffirmed their return to form by comprehensively defeating a cocky King Tomislav XI by 4 goals to 1.

An even first half featured some excellent goalkeeping Wests Ron Gisborne and solid defence by King Tom.

The deadlock was broken in the 30th minute when Dukic of Tomislav latched onto a loose ball the rattle the net.

It was not until the 65th minute that West replied.

Former Marconi and Melita midfielder Richie Williams put a through ball away that found Gauci free and he rounded Tom Bovonovic to level the scores.

In the space of fifteen minutes Gauci added two more to complete his hat-trick.

Despite the final 4-1 scoreline King Tom tried hard throughout and were best served by "Nuggett" Lanhan while Wests best included Williams, Newsom and Gisborne.

University surged to the top of the table with a workmanlike 2-0 win against a very competitive Campbelltown Gunners.

Capitalising on fifteen minutes of sustained pressure they opened the score through Tony Popovich.

To their credit Campbelltown came back strongly to dominate the remainder of the half and only for the brilliance of the Uni goalkeeper Alan Andrews were unable

to turn around 3-1 in front instead of one behind.

The second session saw Uni tighten up their defence considerably presenting the Gunners with the problem of playing catch up football.

Inevitably this brought about their undoing as in the 60th minute Paul Benecke nodded home Craig Osborne's cross to make it 2-0.

Campbelltown's striker Gugher continued to present Uni with problems whilst both keepers had outstanding games along with Phil Dowe.

Port Hacking tumbled to fifth spot after a resounding 3-0 defeat at the hands of Rooty Hill.

Lee Spiers opened the scoring in the ninth minute when keeper Smith misjudged an inswinging corner.

In the 29th minute Smith redeemed himself with a spectacular save off Robert Guy.

Five minutes later a Guy cross was met by Jason Connelly who made no mistake with the header. Despite their territorial dominance it was not until the 67th minute that Hill added to this score again through Connelly who blasted home a ball from Spiers.

For Port Hacking Smith and Mason had strong games while Rooty Hill's team effort overated any individual performance.

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 6th JUNE

Polonia

2ND DIVISION

Vs Blacktown United

Chopin Pk

3RD DIVISION

Port Hacking
Campbelltown

Vs Granville Chile
Vs Concordia

Seymour Shaw
Bensley Rd Sg

SUNDAY 7th JUNE

Ku-ring-gai
Manly Warringah
Uruguayan Penrith
Rockdale Ilinden
Wollongong Mac
Canberra City
Cant M'ville Oly

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Vs Inter Monaro
Vs Wollongong City
Vs Sutherland
Vs Newcastle Rosebud
Vs Warringah F/Water
Vs Blacktown City
Vs Melita Eagles

Parklands Oval
Cromer Park
Cook Park
Hurstville Oval
J.J. Kelly Park
Bruce Stadium
Arlington Oval

2ND DIVISION

Queens Park
Sydney Maccabi
Dee Why
SSC Yugal
Fairy Meadow
Bathurst 75

Vs Campbelltown
Vs Kingsford Hellenic
Vs Avala
Vs Gladesville Hby
Vs Nth Bankstown
Vs Nth Syd Artarmon

Ersleville Oval
Wentworth Park
Dee Why Oval
Mona Park
Woll Police Boys
Proctor Pk

3RD DIVISION

Nth Ryde RSL
Mt Druitt Town
Baulkham Hills
West United
King Tomislav

Vs Moorebank
Vs Bondi Marine
Vs Canterbury
Vs Rooty Hill
Vs Uni of NSW

Magdala Park
Papondetta Pk
Ted Horwood Res
Harold Read Res
Croatian S/G

State Bank



JOHN MANGAN'S
overview of the
Victorian State
League matches

NO LUCK FOR NEW COACH

A MIDWEEK change of coach did not put Oakleigh off its rhythm but it could not find the fire-power to match Green Gully as the visitors won 1-0.

The first half was a gritty midfield battle with both teams creating chances.

However, neither team got the ball in the back of the net until just before halftime when Scot Joe O'Donnell knocked in a cross which found defender Steve Douglas.

Douglas' header gave Oakleigh keeper Michael Ioakamidis no chance.

The second half though was all Oakleigh as the home team tried to find a chink in Gully's defensive armoury.

Oakleigh's new coach, Tom Robertson, was not discouraged by the loss but rather was pleased with the fighting spirit and confident that as he settled in the results would come.

OAKLEIGH: Ioakamidis, Gourilas, Pahljina, Langesbury, J.Cumming, J.Gusic, Peparas, Ross, Dick, Irvine, Andriotis.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, O'Donnell, Cannell, McLelland, Grimaud, Carter, Ward, Sweeney, Zemunik.

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE
SATURDAY JUNE 6th RD 14
Green Gully v Western Suburbs, AIS v Box Hill, Caulfield City v Maribyrnong, Frankston Pines v Morwell Falcons, Fawkner v Thomastown, St Albans v Springvale City, Broadmeadows v Northcote City, Croydon City v Oakleigh.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1
SATURDAY JUNE 6th RD 11
Essendon City v Doncaster Rovers, Nunawading City v Altona Gate, Sunbury United v Werribee, Ringwood City v Melbourne, Richmond v Knox City, Albion Rovers v North Dandenong, Sm Mordialloc v Bulleen.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2
SATURDAY JUNE 6th RD 11
Eltham v Clifton Hill, Mooroolbark v Westgate, Doveton v Altona City, Mornington v Waverley City, North Geelong v Dandenong City, Prahran City v Hamlyn Rangers, Ringwood United v Sandringham.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3
SATURDAY JUNE 6th RD 11
Clarinda v Port Melbourne, Geelong v Moorabbin City, Corio-Geelong Utd v Moreland Park Rangers, Rosanna v Kellor, Springvale United v Bell Park, Yarraville v Ferntree Gully, West Brunswick v Yallourn.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4
SATURDAY JUNE 6th RD 11
Holland Park v Diamond Valley Utd, Keysborough v Hawthorn, Langwarrin v Coburg, Lalor United v Boronia, Prahran v Karingal United, Williamstown v East Brunswick, Pascoe Vale v Seaford.

POOR LOSS GIVES GULLY OPENING

POLONIA'S shock defeat at home to Frankston Pines gave Green Gully the chance last weekend to draw level on points with the league-leaders — with a game in hand.

Dinamo also were surprise victims succumbing to a Thomastown side at full strength for the first time this season.

Box Hill and Croydon continued their returns from the doldrums with creditable performances while Morwell Falcons' position worsened with another home defeat as

Dougie Brown notched up a hat-trick for the visitors, Fawkner.

Northcote coach Frank Munro is all set to sign Michael de Silva from Albion Rovers for \$600. Munro used to be de Silva's boss at Rovers.

Box Hill seems likely to get the kickoff of next Saturday's fixture at

home to the AIS switched from 3pm to 2pm.

Meanwhile, Dinamo striker Kevin Lloyd is keen to find a new club after a close-season dispute with Dinamo.

Lloyd spent three years in the NSL with Brunswick Juventus and Green Gully before moving to St.Albans.

DEFENCE DESPERATE

ST. ALBANS DINAMO coach Tony Vrzina admitted that his defence was in a desperate situation at the moment after losing 4-1 at Thomastown on Sunday.

"I was missing five defenders today but more than anything I need a goalkeeper to cover Mato Grgic who is injured," said Vrzina.

As well as Grgic, Dinamo was lacking Rob Krajacic, Danny Ramljak and Ned Batinovic.

Thomastown coach Mike Lynn though was cock-a-hoop with the victory which marks the return to full strength of his squad.

"For the first time this season I had a top player on the bench - Nino di Martino - and a top player in the reserves - Robert Pianalto. This game was a turning point for us," he said.

"From here on in I think we'll do very well."

Thomastown went 1-0 ahead in the 20th minute when a Bobby McGuinness cross was flicked on by Kevin Carfora, dummied by Russell Athersych and whacked into the back of the net by Brian Coyle.

Five minutes after halftime the home team went further ahead when Tony Cosentino overlapped to receive a ball from Athersych which he hammered first time past Dinamo's reserve keeper Larrie Ostrowsky who is normally on the club's training staff.

In the 55th minute Dinamo showed it still meant business when Dennis Morovic knocked a ball forward for Ivan Kelic who scored his third goal in two games.

But 20 minutes from time Frank Arcoraci put the result

beyond doubt rising above the defence to head home an Andy McMillan free-kick.

The icing on the cake came 10 minutes later when a shot from Kevin Carfora hit Eddie Kuzman's hand and Bobby McGuinness had no trouble beating Ostrowsky

from the penalty spot.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, McMillan, Higgins, Arcoraci, Cosentino, Carfora, Mihalidis, Cristaldo Inj. 70th, Coyle, Athersych, McGuinness.
ST.ALBANS: Ostrowsky, Runje, Kuzman, M.Wilson, Collina, Cullina, Sveto Rastocic, Duzel, Senko, Kelic, Morovic.

WET BRINGS BACK LUCK

THE wet weather has returned, and with it Croydon's good fortune as the reigning champions defeated Northcote 3-1 at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Both sides were missing vital players.

Northcote was without Kenny Drakeford while the visitors lacked striker Graham French who was serving a suspension.

Frank Munro, the Northcote boss, was bitterly disappointed with the result.

"It was the worst we've played since I took over. I was annoyed with the way the team performed today," he said after the game.

After only 12 minutes Mark Brown knocked in a cross which Davie Brogan flicked on for Alec Livingston who raced in between two defenders to shoot past Northcote keeper John Giannopoulos.

On the hour Croydon made it 2-0 when a speculative cross from Steve Beech

swung and found its way into the far corner of the net.

Five minutes later Northcote pulled one back when Bobby Toal slipped the ball inside to Jimmy Small who knocked it square to Chris Bekiaris.

Bekiaris's shot was well blocked by keeper Carrado Nobile but trickled over the line as Greg Brack lunged at the ball trying to stop the goal.

Then, 15 minutes from time, Livingston turned a ball inside for Brogan to shoot home sealing victory for the visitors.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Cutler, Constantinou, Patiniotis, Kouremenos, Toro, Tsangas (Espanon 60th), Bekiaris, Toal, Ramos, Small (Gymnopoulos 70th).
CROYDON: Nobile, M.Brown, Brack, O'Reilly, Tansey, Redmond, Nelson, Beech, Cole, Brogan, Livingston.

PINES TOPPLE THE LEADERS

FRANKSTON Pines pulled off the shock result of the round beating table-toppers Polonia 2-0 on their own patch on Sunday.

"I was delighted at the way the boys bounced back after the disappointment of last week's loss at home to BoxHill," said Pines' coach Danny McMinimee after the game.

Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg attributed his team's surprise defeat to arrogance.

"We learnt an important lesson today - there are no

easy opponents in the State League," he said.

Pines scored after only three minutes when Craigie Miller took the ball wide on the left.

Polonia keeper Joe Kiss came out to meet the cross but Graham Watson nipped in to head into the net.

On the half hour Pines keeper Branko Radov was

injured when Greg Warszawski made a late challenge for the ball. He was taken off for 10 minutes and had his chin taped up before returning.

After the game he went to hospital to have eight stitches.

Pines got their second goal 15 minutes from time when Mate Bozic, Watson, Richie Armstrong and Ian McGinnigle were involved



Action from Caulfield-Frankston



NINO DI MARTINO of Thomastown goes airborne to control the ball with his chest.

— Photo CARMELO BAZZANO

VALE PUT UP FIGHT

A SADLY depleted Springvale surprised even its most ardent fans putting in a fighting performance to down Broadmeadows 1-0 on Sunday.

With Keith Adams out for the rest of the season, Ged Bannon away on holiday for five weeks and Eddie Bell, Neil Garvey and Ian Loughnane all injured, things looked bleak for the home team.

To exacerbate the situation, striker Greg House had to make himself unavailable on the morning of the game due to unforeseen family commitments.

The game was very even for the first half hour but in the 33rd minute the Vales took the lead when Kevin Swinscoe picked up the ball in midfield.

He sent the ball to Rob Stewart who switched it wide to Gary Hobson. Dragan Vasic was in the middle to leap above the Broadmeadows keeper Dennis Pace to head Hobson's cross into the roof of the net.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Rolleman, Vogel, Bissinger, Hobson, Swinscoe, Kral, Stewart, Williams, Vasic, Sedi.
BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, A.Ciantar, Higham, Vizzini, Arico (J.Ciantar 70th), Gregorczyk (Kostas 80th), Nolan, Edmondson, Kadlecik, Maric.

THREE GOALS FOR BROWN

A HAT-TRICK by Dougie Brown snatched Fawkner from the jaws of defeat giving the visitors a 3-2 win over Morwell Falcons.

Fawkner took the lead in the eighth minute when Bruno Cozzella turned a Roy Walsh pass wide to Brown who blasted it past keeper Romero Prezioso from the edge of the area.

From there though Falcons took charge of the game with a brace of goals from the former Frankston Pines striker Stan Webster.

Webster's first came in the 25th when a John O'Callaghan ball from the right deceived both Ged Stenson and Ferla, failing to the feet of Webster who had the simple task of pushing the ball into the net.

Five minutes before halftime Webster struck again when a long kick from defence caught Fawkner keeper Richard Wilson out of position giving Webster the opportunity to score.

But 19 minutes into the second half the visitors bounced back with Sten-

son making some room on the right wing firing in a cross which Brown headed in at the far post.

Three minutes later keeper Wilson was sent off for retaliating after tangling with Falcons front-runner Iain Storton.

Reserve keeper Charlie Kasimas was substituted for Peter Bordignon and took over in goal as Fawkner battled with only 10 men.

Falcons could, have snatched the game in the last minutes but instead it was Fawkner who took home the points when that man Brown insisted on taking a free-kick just outside the Morwell area.

His kick rocketed through the wall going in at the near post.

MORWELL: Prezioso, Bingham, Tutill, Clarke, Bruns, Sostak, E.Cassar, O'Callaghan, Webster, Storton, A.Cassar.
FAWKNER: R.Wilson (sent off 67th), Ferla, Chiavelli, Walsh, Schipano, Bordignon (Kasimas 67th), Verecchia, Cozzella, Tuffield, D.Brown, Stenson.

STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong	13	8	3	2	25	15
Green Gully	12	7	5	0	18	9
Fawkner	12	7	3	2	20	12
Caulfield City	12	6	4	2	16	9
St. Albans	12	6	3	3	19	15
Box Hill	12	3	6	4	15	13
Springvale City	12	3	5	4	14	11
Thomastown	12	4	3	5	13	11
Oakleigh	12	4	2	6	19	20
Western Suburbs	12	4	2	6	16	19
Frankston Pines	12	4	2	6	18	22
Croydon City	12	3	2	6	15	18
Morwell Falcons	12	2	5	5	11	9
Northcote City	12	3	1	8	9	23
Broadmeadows	12	2	2	8	13	20

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MARGARITIS MAGIC AT HEIDELBERG

HEIDELBERG coach John Margaritis has little to prove to anyone after a distinguished career in Victorian Soccer.

But another Margaritis master-stroke just a matter of weeks back could go along way towards enhancing his reputation as a super-coach once again.

BY GREG BLAKE

After a mediocre start to the 1987 league year with Heidelberg, the club he re-joined in the closed season, Margaritis knew something must happen to lift the team out of the doldrums.

On the eve of the Beach Fashions Cup quarter-final against Melbourne Croatia the Heidelberg boss decided to completely revamp his team's match plan.

Instead of using his midfielders to mark and put pressure on the opposition he decided it was time they exploited their potentially explosive pace.

By having his midfielders dropping back and hitting teams on the break Margaritis believed he could best utilise the players at his disposal.

The results, Heidelberg destroyed Melbourne Croatia to the tune of 5-0 and the run didn't end there.

The following Sunay the Bergers became the first team to knock six goals past

As they got up to win their third game on the trot at Preston's Connor Reserve, the rest of the West End NSL started to sit up and take notice of a Heidelberg team that looks, on paper, a none too impressive lineup.

Heidelberg's startling form has confounded the critics but it's come as no surprise to those close to the Heidelberg camp.

First choice Soccerroo keeper and Heidelberg veteran of eight years, Jeff Olver is one player who was never phased by the pre-season gloom and doom predictions for Heidelberg.

"Things looked good at the club over summer," Olver told ASW.

"We picked up Andy Deeley, Lawrie McKinna, Scott Fraser and looked like getting John Mihalidis until that deal fell through.

"Andy didn't quite work out but Lawrie, putting away the goals, and Scott in de-

start what with Roy McLaren leaving, but things are going well now.

"We played well in the Cup against Melbourne Croatia and in the second half against George Cross, but I think our most complete performance to date was the win at Preston."

Olver paid tribute to Margaritis for turning Heidelberg's season around with his Cup-eve master stroke.

The Soccerroo custodian believes that had Margaritis been at the club to do all the pre-season work the team from Olympic Village could be even better placed in the league than they are at this stage of the season.

"John puts in for us and makes us believe in ourselves," Olver explained.

"He's done that all year with the players in the belief that the results will come.

"I really don't know how he does it — the press say this and that about him but in my book he is similar to Frank (Arok).

NEW TACTICS PAVE WAY

been very impressed by him.

"He gets the best from players. Just look at Claude Lucchesi, who is having a great year and yet in 1986 he couldn't do a thing right."

No Dough

Heidelberg has spent precious little money on team building in recent times but Olver believes that this could have worked to the first team's benefit in many ways.

"You can spend big money and get success or you can spend up big and not to do any good at all," says the Soccerroo champion.

"At Heidelberg we're not a team of super-stars but just a team of 11 guys out working hard for other.

when we're playing."

Early season form suggests the Sydney clubs are becoming the yardsticks, as the three top places on the NSL ladder were filled by NSW teams after round nine.

Thus Heidelberg still has much to prove with a two games for two defeats record in matches north of the Murray this season.

Despite that fairly modest record, Olver and co. still believe there is cause for optimism.

"It's hard for teams playing away," Olver said.

"I think it's harder when we have to play in Sydney, and it works the other way with NSW teams coming to Melbourne.

"I think they've got some good teams in Sydney but even Sydney Croatia has struggled when it has played here.

"Footscray held them to a draw just recently and they were mighty lucky to get away with the points against Preston earlier in the season.

"All the talk is about Sydney Croatia and APIA but if they start dropping a point or two anything can happen.

"We're only a point behind South Melbourne and we've strung three good games together when some



JOHN MARGARITIS... Heidelberg magician.

of the other sides just aren't consistent at the moment.

"It's up to us to keep doing our part as usually all clubs suffer bad periods during a season and hopefully that will happen to some of the Sydney clubs.

"I'm not saying we'll win the league or anything but we are certainly looking to the top five."

In some quarters John Margaritis is a coaching legend, but it will be his greatest triumph if he can lift a Heidelberg team written off during pre-season to win some silverware in 1987.

"John's got high hopes for us," Olver says.

"He believes that if we play to our strengths anything can happen."



BACK ROW (left to right): Laurie McKinna, Claude Lucchesi, Mike Valentine, Jeff Olver, Alan Hunter, Chris Katsakidis, Theo Selemidis.
FRONT ROW: Scott Fraser, George Katsakis, Steve Marley, John Anastasiadis, John Kanesoulis, Peter Tsolakis, Paul Tzintzis.

Sunshine George Cross in NSL competition when they won their league match 6-2.

fence have given us excellent value.
"We had a bit of a rough

"Maybe his English isn't the best but he's a shrewd coach and I've certainly

"All the players get on well off the park which helps us work well with each other

ANOTHER AIS BLITZ

THE AIS struck another goal bonanza when they travelled to Melbourne last Sunday beating Western Suburbs 5-0.

Suburbs were without David Smallman who was serving a suspension.

Paul Foster opened the scoring for the Institute when he received a ball from David Healy knocking past Spiro Kardamitsis in the 15th minute. Then, 20 minutes later, Alistair Edwards got the ball on the right hand side of the penalty area and turned to shoot the AIS into a 2-0 lead.

Dean Nicolaou made it 3-0 five minutes later with a spectacular free kick curling over the wall and dipping

under the crossbar.

As the second half developed Suburbs got more into the game but 10 minutes from fulltime Edwards scored again from a corner set-piece.

Still hungry, the Institute continued to push forward and Edwards set up a goal in the 87th minute knocking it square for Nicolaou to register his second.

The AIS team: Gunning, Healy, Horvath, Koch, Riddell, P Foster, Clarkson, Polak, Marcina, Nicolaou, Edwards.

BOX HILL STILL RISING

BOX HILL continued its mid-season revival with a 1-1 draw with Caulfield at Wembley Park.

The game was a close battle for the 90 minutes and though there were few clear cut scoring chances the game as attractive to watch.

Caulfield coach Takis Svingos said after the game: "I was happy with a draw today.

"Box Hill gave everything in this game. They played hard but they are not dirty."

Phil Griffin set up the opening goal for Caulfield in the 67th minute when he headed a ball in the penalty area to Michael Hamakiotis

who rammed it home from six metres.

However, Box Hill would not be denied and five minutes from time Barry Burton equalised for the Hill men.

Teams: Box Hill: McKinnay, McMillan, Hennessey, Hird, Roodhouse, McArthur, Davidson, Burton, Campbell, Brimmer, Mori (Thomas 60th).

Caulfield: Madjer, Filipou, Michell, Koutos, Harris, Theoharous (Inj 75th, Tsaliridis), Hamakiotis, Bitsonis (Sahinidis 80th), Griffin, Xynas, Deligiannis.

IN response to the article "PUT THEM... IN JAIL" (19/5/87), I was disgusted by the bias shown by the writer Les Shorrock.

He fails to even mention a major aspect of the trouble — the Footscray supporters who continually spat on the three obstacles at the Croatian players BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER the game.

Mr Shorrock totally blames the Croatian supporters were as the Footscray supporters should at least share equal blame for the trouble.

After the game bricks were thrown at the Croatian players' bus.

It would have been obvious to the Footscray club before the match that political tensions exist between the supporters of the two clubs and it should have been relocated away from Schintler Reserve. (If this ground is NSL class heaven help the NSL).
M. Boretin, Sydney.

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CHIT CHAT

STRANGE the way some things work out.

Steve Maxwell left Adelaide City to further his international career with Marconi, while Alan Scott quit Adelaide Hellas for the same reason, and signed for Melbourne Croatia.

Both lost their places in the Socceroo squad while City's Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani made the final 23.

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IF Adelaide Hellas makes it to the West End National League for next year, they will have to soldier on minus veteran midfielder and former Socceroo Graham Honeyman.

The 33-year-old former captain is adamant he will never again play in the NSL.

"I handed over the captaincy this year, and it was touch and go whether I played in the State League," he said.

"I have a new job, I'm not as young or enthusiastic as I used to be, and I'm looking for a quieter life with my family."

"The NSL competition is even tougher now, and the demands on a player's time and strain on the family is greater than ever."

"I shared the glory of a national league title with Hellas, and I'll be content to retire."

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NICE gesture from Adelaide City fans who went to see their team play South Melbourne recently in a bus provided by sponsor Fairmont Homes.

On the way home after defeat, coach driver Steve Cochs was fined \$135 for speeding.

The fans took up a collection and paid the on-the-spot penalty.

They also took up another collection and handed \$445 to the club.

Can you imagine what it would have been had they won!

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CHAMPIONS Adelaide City may not be setting the NSL on fire at the moment, but their sponsors have not deserted them.

At the last count 55 were listed in their program.

WHY US?

WHILST listening to my car radio on Tuesday, May 26 I was amazed and disappointed to hear the biased, insulting report on the Radio 2GB 11am news bulletin.

Their newsreader stated that "Soccer Style Violence" erupted at a one day cricket match played at Birmingham, England in which 20 people were arrested and one man had his throat cut.

Why must they drag our great game through the mud at every opportunity remembering that this station gives saturation coverage to the biff and bash game called Rugby League where on-field brawling between players is commonplace and scuffles on the terraces are hushed up.

We have little to thank 2GB for, other than the crumb they throw us by way of two 15 minute segments each weekend, when unfortunately over half the time is devoted to the overseas Soccer from the UK.

It is to be hoped that a strongly worded letter be sent to the 2GB management protesting against the insulting report.

Ours is the greatest game of all.

Believe it

Say a prayer all you Soccer people for the ABC Television Network who will now re-package 50 minutes of SBS match of the day from the NSL and show it on Saturday afternoons from 2-3pm.

Popular presenter Peter Wilkins will host the show.

—GEORGE STREETER

NEIL McGachey is finding it hard going since he returned to the field not only as a player but also a coach.

The former Hellas midfielder, who led the team to a national league title when he was captain, then had an unhappy stint as coach, is trying to get State League club Birkalla up the ladder and away from the relegation zone.

He took over following the sacking of Rab Jones, but nothing has gone right, and as we went to press Birks were in second bottom spot.

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ONE time Granville State League ace and coach Bobby Wall is still on the job. Assisted by Micky Carr as trainer, he is in charge of Western Districts Hellas Soccer Club at Parramatta. The club, in NSW Inter Urban Division 4, has had a deal of success, have won their premiership in 1986.

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ALTHOUGH Sydney Olympic coach Eddie Thomson has given up his day job to concentrate on rebuilding the club as well as helping out in his job as assistant coach for the Socceroos, he has found he is still quite busy.

And, it is his lovely wife Pauline who is keeping Eddie on his toes.

Every time one rings the Thomson household, Pauline answers the telephone. "Don't interrupt him now," she laughs, "I've finally got him working around the house for a change!"

Thommo only recently completed some painting around the house, but he caused Sydney Morning Herald Soccer writer Ray Gatt to nearly bust his sides with laughter the other day.

When Ray rang up the Thomson abode, Eddie, would you believe, was in the middle of hanging up some curtains!

No matter how hard he tried, Thomson could not convince Gatt that he has not decided to become an interior decorator.

The gloves are off now.

MELBOURNE HAS GONE CRAZY OVER EVERTON

Says Victoria's Director of Coaching, TIM WHITE

ALL roads lead to Olympic Park, the scene is set for one of the most talked about games in recent Australian Soccer history.

The buzz in Melbourne resembles the one felt almost two years ago when Australian faced Scotland in the World Cup.

Certainly the same rewards do not come with the winning or losing of this game, but don't tell one of the players that.

It's the start of one campaign and the ending of another. Everton are closing the doors on a very eventful season indeed.

By their standards the start of the 1987 season was not a good one as the team suffered an unprecedented amount of injuries.

They overcome that hurdle and became champions of England for the second time in three years.

It shows what can be achieved with good players and when those players are blended into a unit which show remarkable consistency.

If a team is not consistent it will not become league champions. It is possible to win the cup without that quality but that is the fascination of the cup.

There is enormous pride at Everton and manager Howard Kendall is not likely to want that pride dented by the Socceroos. That sense of pride flows through the Evertonians and each of the players will have nothing else only a win in Australia.

Sharp

Graeme Sharp is well

aware of the atmosphere that can be generated at Olympic Park. Certainly he and his colleagues have played in front of bigger crowds but as Scotland found out the Australian supporters will generate an atmosphere they will not forget.

Sure it is the ending of the 1987 campaign for Everton but it's one they will try to end with their usual panache, style and a crushing win.

On the other hand it's the beginning of another campaign for the Socceroos as they launch into their assault on the Olympic Games.

Coach Frank Arok is passionate about the importance of results for the National team. His record against England clubs with the Socceroos is superb and nothing but a win will satisfy him.

The incentives for his players are numerous with the greatest incentive of all being the wearing of the Green and Gold.

Big Sponsors

The acquiring of the \$10,000 and silver cup sponsorship from Nissan was a great coup by the Victorian Soccer Federation and will add an extra ingredient to this fascinating struggle.

Notwithstanding all other ingredients this should at least satisfy the sceptics about the validity of the tussle.

I would not dare to try and select Frank Arok's team but it is hard to see him detracting from the players and the system which has served him well so far.

Defensively the team is a hard nut to crack with skipper Charlie Yankos once again looking to be the iron man. Couple this with the fierce competitive drive of Gary McDowall and the brilliance of Jeff Oliver and one looks forward to the clash with Sharpe and Adrian Heath.

Everton's engine room in midfield will be sorely tested and Reid, Stevens and Sheedy will know they have been in a game after clashing with Raskopoulos, Wade and possibly Crino.

Zarko Odzakovic would have been a welcome sight in this game but he will be missing after failing to recover from injury.

Front-Line

The choice up front for the Socceroos could have an emphasis on pace.

Graham Arnold will almost certainly play and the flair and pace of Zinni, Farina and Kalantzis will be where the likely partner or partners will come from. The ability and pace of

Zinni and Farina could prove to be a worrying factor for Ratcliffe and his fellow defenders and I suspect goalkeeper Bobby Mimms

will have a busy evening. All in all it looks like another great event in the 1987 calendar. DON'T MISS IT.

CHARLIE EGAN ANSWERS BACK

BY GREG BLAKE

A SECTION of fickle South Melbourne Hellas supporters is making life tough for the club's ace striker Charlie Egan.

Perhaps supporters isn't the best description for the section of Hellas fans which has taken to giving Egan a hard time at every opportunity.

No-one quite knows why they're on his back but the message from the diminutive South Melbourne target man is that the boo-boys aren't having the desired effect.

"I just don't take any notice of them," Egan told ASW last week.

"I am aware that a certain section of the crowd is giving me a bit of stick but I really can't be bothered about it."

"You'll always get a section of the crowd that gets on your back and I'll play on regardless."

"I remember once scoring five goals against Newcastle and as I walked five close season signing Danny Wright comes nowhere near to that total, it seems incredible that Hellas fans are on Egan's back."

"I suppose I'm a little bit hurt but I'm certainly not upset," the former Socceroo and NSL top scorer said.

"I feel a little bit let down but my attitude's that if things go wrong I'll just work a little harder."

Tops in Scoring

Egan is, after all, still South Melbourne's all-time leading NSL goalscorer having grabbed nearly 70 league and cup goals before the season started.

And it hardly seems that the goals are drying up just yet.



CHARLIE EGAN... answering the yahoos.

off the park I was held up by a supporter in the crowd who wanted to know why I'd missed a chance to make it six."

Despite rumours linking Egan to other clubs during the summer, the prolific goalscorer Scot, now in his sixth year at Middle Park, remained faithful to the South Melbourne team he has served so well.

There was talk about he had been at Middle Park for too long, but Egan has answered the critics the best way he knows how by scoring 11 goals in 15 competitive matches this year.

Bearing in mind that South Melbourne's expen-

"I'm working hard and I'm pretty happy with my form," Egan explained.

"It's not like I'm missing chances so much as the chances are falling to other players at the moment."

"Our game against Adelaide City was a good example when we won and I thought I played pretty well."

"It was just one of those games when there was plenty of build-up but the real chances fell to other players."

No doubt Egan will answer the critics out on the park as the season progresses and the boos will turn into backslaps.

YOUNG SOCCEROOS IN SANTIAGO...

HOST nation Chile, Yugoslavia and Togo will be the Young Socceroos opponents in the World Youth Cup in Santiago, Chile in October.

Although little is known of the standard of the opposition, it is certain that the going will be tough in Group 4.

Australia aims to play warm-up games in Argentina, but this will depend upon whether costs can be met.

Current holders Brazil play in Group 2 against Italy, Nigeria and Canada.

The others groups comprise USA, Bulgaria, Saudi Arabia and West Germany in Group 1, and East Germany, Scotland, Colombia and Bahrain in Group 3.

THE FULL LIST OF GAMES IS:

OCTOBER 10

In Santiago: Chile v Yugoslavia.
Concepcion: Brazil v Nigeria.
Valparaiso: East Germany v Scotland.
Antofagasta: USA v Bulgaria.

OCTOBER 11

Santiago: Togo v Australia
Concepcion: Italy v Canada
Valparaiso: Colombia v Bahrain
Antofagasta: Saudi Arabia v West Germany

OCTOBER 13

Santiago: Chile v Togo
Concepcion: Brazil v Italy
Valparaiso: East Germany v Colombia
Antofagasta: USA v Saudi Arabia

OCTOBER 14

Santiago: Yugoslavia v Australia
Concepcion: Nigeria v Canada
Valparaiso: Scotland v Bahrain
Antofagasta: Bulgaria v West Germany

OCTOBER 17

Santiago: Chile v Australia
Concepcion: Brazil v Canada
Valparaiso: East Germany v Bahrain
Antofagasta: USA v West Germany

OCTOBER 18: (Final Round)

Santiago: Yugoslavia v Togo
Concepcion: Nigeria v Italy
Valparaiso: Scotland v Colombia
Antofagasta: Bulgaria v Saudi Arabia

OCTOBER 21:

Quarter-finals

Santiago: Winner of Group One v Runner-up of Group Two
Concepcion: Winner of Group Two v Runner-up of Group One
Valparaiso: Winner of Group Three v Runner-up of Group Four
Antofagasta: Winner of Group Four v Runner-up of Group Three

OCTOBER 23

Semi-finals

In Santiago and Concepcion

OCTOBER 25

Double header in Santiago's Estadio Nacional.

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The first-phase matches will be played at 5pm each day, the quarter-finals at 4.15pm, the third and fourth play-off match at 3pm and the final at 5pm.



This week JOHNNY WARREN views Eddie Thomson's resurrection of Olympic, the National Cup, Kurt Reynolds and the Rugby 'World Cup'.

Sydney Olympic — the improvers

THOMMO POINTS THE WAY AHEAD

EDDIE Thomson tells me he'll be happy if Sydney Olympic can finish in the top half of the table this year.

While Eddie may tell us that publicly I'd be very surprised if he doesn't have his sights set higher.

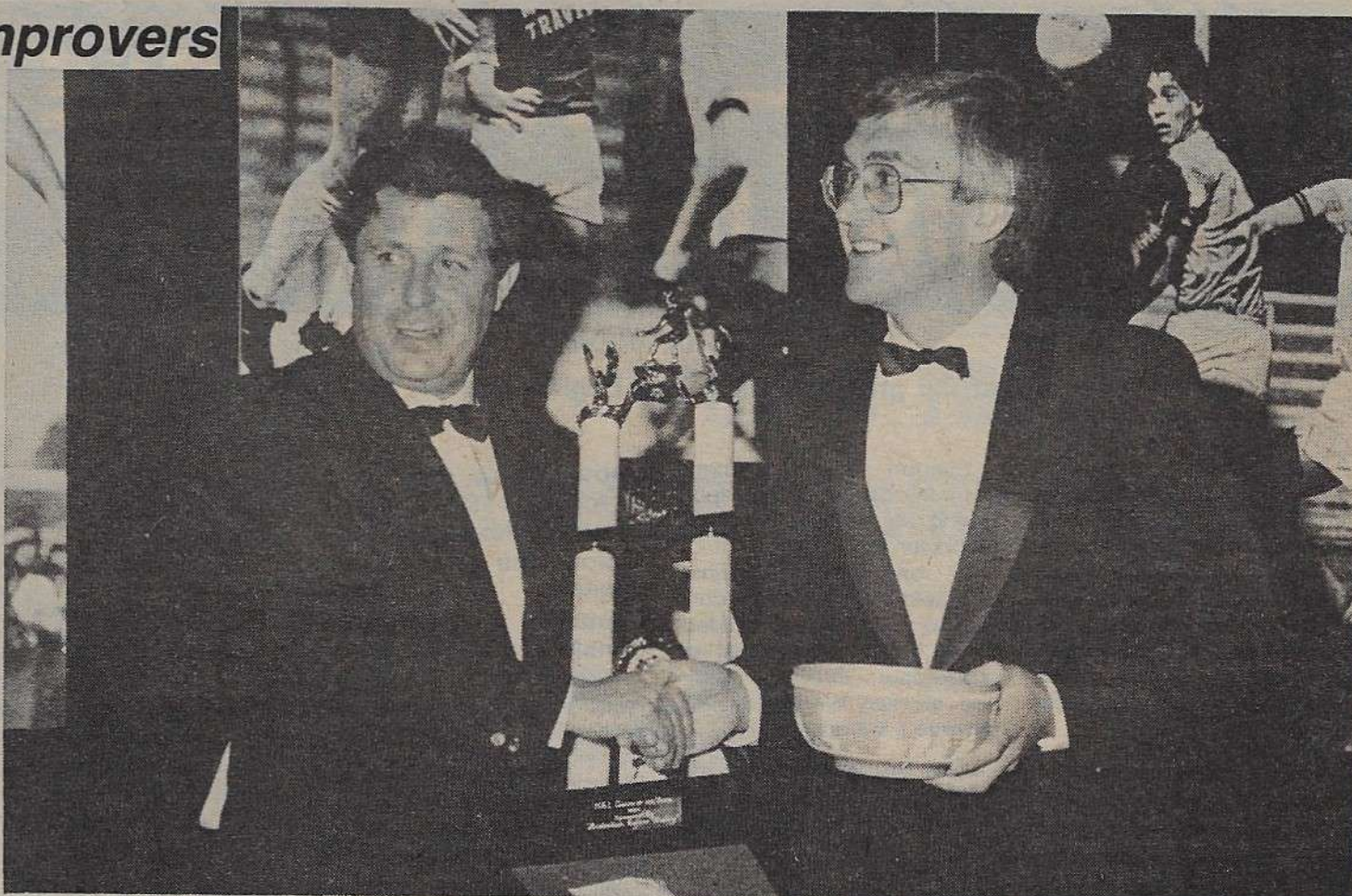
Sure Olympic got off to a bad start and sure they've been hit by injuries but I see Olympic, under Thomson, being one of the few threats to Apia and Sydney Croatia.

The good news for Olympic is that should they make the five

there is a strong possibility Marshall Soper could be back in action by play-off time.

The enigma of Australian Soccer starts training in a month's time following his knee ligament operation, and feels he needs another five weeks after that to be back in match fitness.

Admittedly Soper has had his problems but Eddie Thomson is one of the few coaches capable of bringing the best out of the talented Marshall.



Eddie Thomson (right) receives another award from WENSL vice chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

A "WORLD CUP?" WHAT A JOKE!

WHAT about the current "World Cup" for rugby union which is being treated by most media outlets as the second coming.

Rugby Union is a non event in most countries throughout the world, even in some represented in this supposed "World Championship".

Even the current Fijian crisis has contained constant references to rugby union being the game in the Fiji Islands.

After working up for six months back in the mid seventies I can assure our rugby friends that Soccer,

not rugby is the national game.

Soccer is played by both the Indians and Fijians — rugby by the Fijians only.

And how about this from Alan Jones the national coach in last week's Sydney Morning Herald.

"I don't want to say this in a patronising way, but you know if

you just come (to the World Cup) for the view, which 13 or 14 of the teams have come for — I mean England are excited about getting six points and are off holidaying — that's fantastic, but we definitely haven't come for the ride".

So according to Jones most of the teams have come "for the view" and are not serious contenders.

The English go to Hamilton Island Resort for six days in the middle of the "World Cup".

As we know the same could never happen in our real football.

Scheinflug says . . . 'REYNOLDS ANOTHER SCHAEFER'

I WOULD not swap Kurt Reynolds for any centre back in the National League.

That's the impressive rating Young Soccer coach Les

Scheinflug gives to his Blacktown and Young Soccer captain.

Kurt is a "doer who sets the example and is a first class skip-

per" according to Scheinflug, who sees the former Tasmanian as one of his key players for the World Youth Championship in Chile.

"For his height he is excellent in the air," adds Scheinflug who likens Reynolds' dedication to that of former Soccer great Manfred Schaefer.

ANTHONY FRANKEN'S TOP VARIETY AWARD

THE prestigious fund raising Variety Club of Australia will honour Anthony Franken.

At a VIP function at Sydney's Southern Cross Hotel on Friday before a guest list which reads like a who's who of Australian sporting life, the twenty-two year old Sydney Croatia goalkeeper will be named Soccer's representative in a national poll to find Australia's Most Entertaining Sportsman.

The honour is some compensation for Franken's shock omission from the Soccer squad for the forthcoming South Korean trip.

COUSIN JOHN

Ferora the cousin of Sydney Croatia's Man-is Lamond, plays for Croatia Deakin in the ACT first division.

TWENTY one year old Papua New Guinea player John Ferora is impressing quite a few people in Canberra.

And according to Croatia's assistant coach Ivan Gruicic, Ferora is as equally talented player as his more celebrated cousin.



Action from the REAL World Cup.

RUN THE BEACH FASHIONS CUP PRE-SEASON!

THE Beach Fashions Cup is in dramatic need of surgery. More correctly the National Cup has never quite come up with the right formula over the years including this year, despite the generous support of the Soccer loving Beach Fashions organisation.

The mid-week, mid-season formula simply doesn't work even though there have been some outstanding games in this year's series.

I feel the solution is simple.

I also feel the change must benefit Beach Fashions with their range of summer oriented products.

And that is to play the Beach Fashions Cup as the opener to the season as the main lead in to the West End National championship itself.

Assuming the West End National Soccer League goes ahead with its basically "winter" format, next year's Beach Fashions Cup should be played in February/March.

Evening games at this time of the year are surely more conducive to get the crowd support Beach Fashions and their Cup deserve.

Far more so than winter mid-week evening matches like the near zero temperatures experienced by the 3000 odd brave souls who attended the Sydney Croatia-Heidelberg semi-final at Croatian Sports Centre last Wednesday.

Has this semi-final been played in the warmer months a crowd of 12-15,000 would not have been beyond expectations.

At the moment the Beach Fashions Cup gets lost in the WENSL matches, international games and mid-season breaks.

An uninterrupted Beach Fashions Cup at the start of the season would satisfy all — the players, the fans, the clubs and more importantly the sponsors Beach Fashions and SBS Television.

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EVERTON — A VENERABLE ENGLISH INSTITUTION

BY PAUL MOON

ALTHOUGH now one of the great institutions of English Soccer, Everton's beginnings were remarkably humble.

In 1878 members of the St Domingo's cricket team in Liverpool, which was attached to a Methodist chapel of the same name, decided to adopt Soccer as their winter recreation. A year later St Domingo's Association Football Club became Everton Association Football Club.

After playing in local parks for six years, the club moved to its first private ground. A handful of people paid gate receipts totalling \$1.20 to see the opening of the Anfield Road Stadium and Everton defeat Earlestown 5-0. Professionalism was embraced 12 months later.

Everton quickly proved itself a team of consequence and in 1888 became one of the 12 founder members of the Football League. It won the third title contested and immediately afterwards declared itself a limited liability company with a capital of \$5,000.

But, whilst playing results were good, all was not well behind the scenes at Anfield.

Everton's landlord demanded a higher rent. Half the directors were willing to pay the increased amount, whilst the other half remained adamant that the club should find another, cheaper, home.

Move

Eventually, Everton did move — a mile across Stanley Park in the centre of Liverpool to what was then a patch of waste ground and is now the magnificent, 55,000 capacity, Goodison Park. The rebel directors stayed at Anfield and formed another club which they named Liverpool. Thus began one of the greatest local rivalries in world sport.

Everton suffered a more than fair share of bad luck during its initial years at Goodison Park.

In one game against Sheffield Wednesday during the 1904-05 season it led 5-0 at half time, then lost its goalkeeper through injury and allowed Wednesday to salvage a 5-5 draw.

Just two weeks later, the "Toffeeemen" (a nickname derived from a local confectionery known as Everton toffee) travelled to London and were leading Arsenal 3-1 with just 12 minutes to go when the game was abandoned because of fog. Arsenal won the replay later in the campaign and Newcastle United pipped the Liverpool club by one point to claim the League Championship.

Everton gained its revenge the following year when defeating Newcastle 1-0 in the FA Cup Final and brought the famous silver trophy to Merseyside for the first time.

Another League Championship was gained in 1915 and then Everton fans had to wait 13 more years before a further major honour came the way of their team.

The 1927-28 Championship is best remembered for the exploits of Dixie Dean.

The robust English international centre forward scored 60 league goals (a record which will probably never be surpassed) and 82 in total that season.

Seven of them came in the last two games and the goal which passed the 59 mark set by George Campbell a year earlier was notched with just five minutes of the campaign remaining.

Drama

The dramatic slump Everton experienced during the two following years was blamed, almost exclusively,

upon Dean's own loss of form. In 1930 it dropped into the second division; the last of the original 12 league members to lose first division status.

Dean's return to form coincided with the club's resurgence. Between 1930-31 and 1932-33 it won the Second Division Championship. First Division Championship and FA Cup in successive seasons.

When the free scoring striker left Goodison for Notts County in 1937 he had netted 349 league goals — easily a club record. Team-mate Ted Sagar, an England international goalkeeper, stayed with Everton until he retired in 1953 when his playing career had stretched to an amazing 24 years and 1 month. No player, before or since, has matched his longevity.

At the time Sagar finally hung up his goalkeeping gloves, Everton were in the second division and no silverware of consequence has graced the Goodison Park trophy cabinet for 14 years.

The drought was to continue for another decade. In 1963, a side which had been assembled for a massive amount in transfer fees brought Everton the popular title of "Merseyside Millionaires" and the League Championship.

Gordon West, Roy Vernon, Jimmy Gabriel, Brian Labone and Alex Young ("The Golden Vision"), prominent internationals all, were the stars of that side.

Yet, when Everton won the FA Cup three years later it owed its success to a comparative unknown. A surprise selection for the final against Sheffield Wednesday, Mike Trebilcock scored twice as the Merseysiders came from two goals to win 3-2. Trebilcock only played half a dozen more games for Everton and quickly slipped

back into obscurity. He played in Sydney with Western Suburbs and then moved to Newcastle, where he has been successful both as a player and then as a coach.

Everton's 1969-70 League Championship winning side included only four members of the team which had triumphed at Wembley. The midfield trio of Alan Ball, Colin Harvey and Howard Kendall provided the backbone to an exciting young combination which appeared capable of dominating English Soccer for many years to come.

Unfortunately, its potential was not to be fulfilled and for the rest of the 1970s and well into the 1980s Everton rarely looked anything other than an average first division team. The phenomenal success enjoyed by Liverpool during this period made their own side's prolonged mediocrity all the harder for Evertonians to bear.

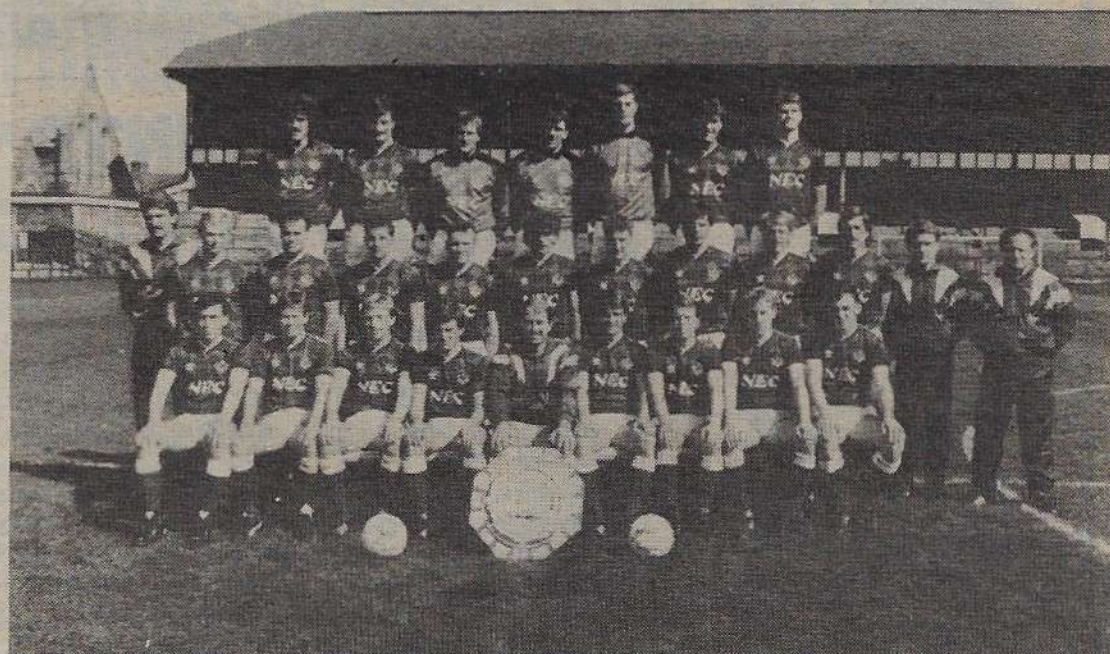
Turnaround

The turning point of the club's recent history came in May, 1981 with the appointment of Kendall as manager. In the past four years two League Championships, the FA Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup have been won.

Everton has suffered more than any other team from the ban imposed upon English club sides competing in Europe.

Prior to lifting the Cup Winners' Cup in 1985, its record in continent wide tournaments was abysmal. The chance to completely rectify that has, sadly, been denied it. Few would dispute Everton's ability to match the best in Europe.

Melbourne Soccer fans than have a rare opportunity to see a truly outstanding side in action beyond its own shores.



TOP ROW: Paul Wilkinson, Derek Mountfield, Fred Barber, Neville Southall, Bobby Mimmas, Kevin Langley, Ian Marshall. MIDDLE ROW: John Clinkard (Physio), Darren Coyle, Pat Van Den Hauwe, Paul Bracewell, Peter Reid, Neil Pointon, Neil Adams, Graeme Sharp, Alan Harper, Paul Power, Colin Harvey (Coach), Mick Heaton (Coach). FRONT ROW: Warren Aspinall, Adrian Heath, Gary Stevens, Kevin Sheedy, Howard Kendall (Manager), Kevin Ratcliffe (Captain), Trevor Steven, Keith Richardson, Peter Billinge.

To secure a game against English First Division champions — elect Everton is a gigantic feather in the cap of the Victorian Soccer Federation. Australian plays Everton at Olympic Park on Wednesday June 3 at 8pm. It is a great chance to blood the Socceroos, who move off the South Korea immediately afterwards to contest the President's Cup. One June 1 the Englishmen meet Auckland in the Auckland FA Centenary game, with another against a Canterbury Invitation XI on May 30.



PAUL BRACEWELL
24, 242 (14)
(age, League apps, goals)



KEVIN SHEEDY
27, 210 (48)



GRAEME SHARP
26, 204 (81)



PETER REID
30, 333 (29)



ADRIAN HEATH
26, 284 (76)



KEVIN RATCLIFFE
26, 235 (2)

EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Players Profiles

NEVILLE SOUTHALL — Goalkeeper

Some rate Southall the best goalkeeper in Britain, ahead even of Peter Shilton — high praise indeed. He has been Wales' first choice for the last six years, but was unfortunate enough to dislocate an ankle playing for his country in March '86 and thus missed a third successive Cup Final appearance. Born Llandudno, age 28.

BOBBY MIMMS — Goalkeeper

Signed from Rotherham in 1985 in a \$360,000 transfer deal and pitch-forked into prominence when Southall was injured. In his first six League games in '86 he didn't concede a goal. England U/21 International. Born York, aged 23.

GARY STEVENS — Defender

Gary Stevens is now firmly established at right back for both Everton and England. A product of Everton juniors, he has already played in four Wembley finals, and he broke into the England team against Italy and West Germany on the '84 Mexico tour. Born Barrow, aged 24.

DEREK MOUNTFIELD — Defender

An England U/21 and 'B' International, Mountfield has been unlucky with injuries, having missed most of the '86 season after a cartilage operation, and he again missed the start of this season. Stalwart central defender who often scores from set pieces. Born Liverpool, age 24. Signed from Tranmere Rovers for \$60,000 in 1982.

PAT VAN DEN HAUWE — Defender

Belgian born, van den Hauwe qualified for Wales through his parentage. Apprenticed by Birmingham, bought by Everton in 1984 for \$200,000 after 123 appearances for Birmingham. Played most of the '86 season in central defence in place of Derek Mountfield, but

he too was injured at the start of this season, but came back and scored the goal that clinched the '87 title against Norwich Born Dennermonde, age 26.

KEVIN RATCLIFFE — Captain

Captain of Everton and captain of Wales, Kevin Ratcliffe graduated through the Goodison Youth Scheme and has been capped for his country at every level. Has led his team to Wembley five times, yet incredibly is only 26 years of age. Born Mancot.

NEIL POINTON — Defender

Pointon was snapped up from unfashionable Scunthorpe after playing 159 games for the Fourth Division club. Made his First Division debut in 1986 and is a star of the future. Born Scunthorpe, aged 24.

PAUL POWER — Defender

More than a few eyebrows were raised when Howard Kendall bought him from Manchester City before the start of the '86/87 season to replace the injured van den Hauwe. The England 'B' International had spent more than 10 years at Maine Road, making over 400 appearances, and most judges thought that at 32 he was too old to start another career at the top level. How wrong they were! He has proved to be one of Kendall's shrewdest buys ever. Born Manchester, aged 33.

KEVIN SHEEDY — Midfielder

Welsh born, but of Irish parentage, Kevin Sheedy played Youth Internationals for Northern Ireland, but is now an established member of Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland squad. Liverpool bought him from Hereford for \$160,000, but he found opportunities with the Reds limited, and was happy to move to Goodison in 1982, Everton paying \$200,000 for him. He made scoring from free-kicks his speciality. Born Buith Wells, aged 27.

KEVIN LANGLEY — Midfielder

Tall bustling midfielder Kevin Langley had been a regular with Third Division Wigan Athletic, playing over 150 first team games before Everton signed him in '86 for \$200,000. An ex-Wigan apprentice. Born St Helens, aged 23.

IAN SNODIN — Midfielder

Ian Snodin was lifted from the comparative obscurity of Doncaster Rovers where he had played 200 games as Manager Howard Kendall boosted an injury-stricken squad this season. But he has taken to the First Division like a duck to water. Born Rotherham, aged 24.

PETER REID — Midfielder

The PFA player of the year in 1984, England midfielder Reid has had injury setbacks that have cost him dearly. He had played 225 games for Bolton Wanderers and won six Under 21 caps when Everton signed him for \$120,000 in 1982. Two operations on an Achilles tendon kept him out of most of the '86 season, but he has fought his way back in typically gritty fashion. Born Huyton, aged 30.

ADRIAN HEATH — Forward/Midfielder

'Inchy' was Everton's most expensive purchase at \$140,000 from Stoke City in 1982, until Gary Lineker came in '86. Gained a Cup winner's medal in '84, but missed the '85 Final and a lot of the '86 season with a persistent knee injury. ut with the departure of Lineker to Spain has now come into his own, forming a lethal partnership attack with Graeme Sharp. Born Chesterton, aged 26.

DAVE WATSON — Defender

First capped by England in '84 at Youth level, the former Norwich City centreback was an established England international when Everton bought him early last season to reinforce an injury depleted defence. Born Liverpool, aged 26. Cost Everton \$1,800,000, yet Liverpool let him go for 1/10th of that sum, believing he would never make the grade.

TREVOR STEVEN — Midfielder

Versatile Steven has established himself as a vital cog in the England team, equally at home on the right wing or in midfield. Came to Goodison in 1983 from Burnley for \$650,000, settled into the team straight away. Born Berwick, aged 23.

GRAEME SHARP — Forward

One Everton player who won't feel strange at Olympic Park. He played here for Scotland in December '85. He cost \$300,000 when he came from Dumbarton in 1980 and has repaid every cent. Three times Everton's top goalscorer, his role has become even more important with the departure of Lineker. Born Glasgow, aged 26.

PAUL BRACEWELL — Midfielder

Played at Stoke alongside Adrian Heath before moving to Sunderland in 1983 when he played 38 games before coming to Everton for \$500,000. First capped for England in '85, and has been a regular squad member ever since. Born Stoke, aged 24.



GRAHAM SHARP

THE Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General, Lionel Bowen MP, (centre) snapped by ASW's camera at The Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday. Tony Basic, Sydney Croatia president is at left, with Charlie Caruso (Adelaide City) the winner with the joyful smile.



GRAZIANI ARRIVES

GUEST OF HONOUR at APiA-Leichhardt's celebrity dinner Francesco Graziani (centre) with club leaders Joe Prestia (left) and Albert Salerno.

The Italian international striker made a big hit upon arrival at Sydney Airport, and was whisked off at night to the special function at the APiA club.

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WORLD UPDATE . . .

ENGLAND stars Mark Hateley and Glenn Hoddle are likely to come face to face in France next season.

Monaco general manager Jean Petit says his club is on the verge of signing Hateley, which is bad news for Glasgow Rangers.

And Hoddle is reported to have agreed personal terms with Paris St Germain, but the transfer fee is a major stumbling block.

FORMER England forward Trevor Francis has ruled out a return to second division Birmingham City, where he began his career 17 years ago.

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APIA HAS PLENTY TO OFFER

THE sign of a good side is to win when you play badly. APIA qualified on both counts with its 2-0 win over Preston which took it to the top of the table.

APIA's performance indicated that no one team will be able to dominate the new national league this year.

On the other hand, APIA has to be as strong a contender as any to take the title.

Strength is a key factor when assessing this side.

Generally it is a competitive, hard running side, complimented by the skills of Burim Zajmi and Alex Bundalo, when he is able to get in.

This latter remark points to the special quality of the APIA squad this year — no other club can match its reserve strength.

Terry Greedy, Vic Bozanic, Alex Bundalo, all stars and all on the bench, along with Hilton Phillips and Edward Lorens.

Will such quality players be content to watch from the bench all season — perhaps they will.

Team success, however, is ephemeral.

Players and coaches come and go in a regular whirlaround today.

What is needed to build continuing success in Soccer business, as in any other business, is sound management.

That ability has been conspicuous by its absence in the APIA club for many years.

Its new management obviously seek to change this.

Failure

The fiasco over Francesco Graziani was a blow to the new APIA image.

It was another great bubble, the like of which has been bursting all around our Soccer scene for decades, bringing with it derision from other sports and comic sighs from those close to the game.

We need stability and solidity in all areas of our Soccer not this froth and bubble.

Still there were nearly four thousand fans at Belmore Oval to cheer the 2-0 win.

The APIA crowd support is colourful and adds excitement and atmosphere to the game.

We need such involvement and atmosphere.

So long as it does not spill over into violence with other supporters it will be an asset to the club, the team and to our Soccer.

So APIA currently has a lot to offer.

A go-getting president in Joe Prestia, an experienced and charismatic coach in Rale Rasic, a competitive, direct team which knows where the goal is, and substantial and colourful crowd support.

Its rival Marconi is playing in front of low crowds and has been for several years.

Will these two Italian supported teams combine one day?

Meanwhile there is great interest in the APIA revival.

Rod Brown is playing with confidence.

Not as skilful as Frank Farina, almost as fast, stronger and consequently competitive, he is also excellent in the air.

Zajmi is extremely direct in his dribbling, also confident on the ball, even arrogant.

At the same time I feel that he seems constantly to be seething with bad temper.

There appears to be a weakness of insufficient players at APIA able to keep possession of the ball under pressure and then dispatch shrewd passes.

The central defence is very strong, but also suffers from the above complaint.



MIKE JOHNSON, ex-English First Division footballer and top-line coach speaks...

Praise

Charlie Yankos and Arno Bertogna would do well in a second division English team.

Indeed the whole team has an English second division look about it.

Brown and Gary Ward are tall strikers good in the air, then direct wide players Jean-Paul de Marigny and Zajmi who cross well, hard defenders and conscientious midfielders.

Sydney Olympic has a similar type of team now under Eddie Thomson, but it has more flair in players such as Vicente Estavillo, Chris Kalantzis and Peter Raskopoulos.

The Olympic team looks as good as that of APIA, but without its reserve strength

and it would be hard to see it making up its eight-point gap to head APIA on the table.

For Preston, we did not see its best team.

Its young goalie Phil Traianides seemed, at this stage, to be a little suspect.

On the day Preston was a workmanlike side, with tradesmanlike players trying to "do a job".

It may be left to Adelaide City, Footscray and Marconi to bring us a performance whose creativity transcends tradesmanship, but none of these are looking title winners at the moment.

APIA will give us some spectacular goals and also should be up the front of the queue of these receiving silverware at the end of the year.



TERRY GREEDY... outside looking in.

UPMARKET TV COVERAGE FOR INDOOR LEAGUE

BY FRANK COLETTA

SBS TV have given the national indoor competition a major boost with news that its coverage will be updated markedly.

Last season the station covered the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League with a 30 minute segment featuring one match.

Whilst the concept was a good one, the reaction to just one match being shown was not as good as it should have been but SBS have worked hard to remedy this and it seems the station has come up with a novel idea.

With the League kicking off on August 14, SBS will cover 26 games and use four cameras to do so at each round of matches.

But instead of showing the straight out replay of the matches from the previous week they will be packaging the games and programme them as a series.

Also they will invest in an OB van whilst slow motion replays and player profiles on-screen will be added.

SBS will also produce a one hour training tape plus providing coverage to interested stations such as New Zealand TV and Sky Channel.

Highlights may also be shown on Regional TV and three minute reports offered to Channels 9 and 7.

Considering the interest displayed by viewers over TCN Nine's recent screening of the much outdated 'Soccer Six' tournament from England they would be likely to undertake this offering.

James Hardie are certainly leaving no stone unturned in their quest to make this competition the biggest success possible.

FRINGE PLAYERS GET CHANCE

THE NSW State squad for games against Queensland and ACT again has been difficult to pick because of Frank Arok's National squad selections.

However in the end the side is based on players on the fringe of the National squad. It is a young squad and one that I am sure will do well.

The build up for the games has started.

Unlike other years, training should not be discarded, even though time is short.

With the National Youth squad in camp at Valentine Park a lead up game with that squad will be part of the preparation and give us a top game.

The game against the ACT is at Bruce Stadium on Monday 8th June on the



NSW Coach, ALAN VEST writes for ASW

long weekend, with the next game against Queensland

the following Sunday 14th June.

I have also based my squad on pace. I believe we have a veritable bunch of players.

Some people have suggested to me that I may not use three all three attackers Robbie Slater, Rod Brown and David Lowe in the starting line-up. This is not necessarily so.

I could be more than tempted to use all three — and wouldn't that give the ACT and Queensland something to think about?

The squad is: Mike Gibson or Tony Franken, Tony Pezzano, Robbie Hooker, Gerry Gomez, Ray Vilestra, Arno Bertogna, Tony Dakos, Burim Zajmi, Mark Jones, Ian Gray, Peter Tredinnick, Rod Brown, Robbie Slater, David Lowe, Abbas Saad.



NSW goalkeeper Anthony Franken leaps high to clear from the head of Kevin Keegan.

Marconi marks time

ROBERTO HAS A BREATHER

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE current three week break from the West End National League has upset and angered many Soccer fans but for Marconi coach Roberto Vieri it provides some welcome breathing space for his depleted team.

This star-studded Fairfield side has been going through a bad spell following some sensational performances during the pre-season and part of the problem can be attributed to the large number of injuries suffered by key players.

Strong central defender Steve Calderan and regular goalkeeper Bruce James are yet to make a National League appearance this year, while former Socceroo Ian Gray spent six weeks on the sidelines and has only recently returned to the team.

As soon as Gray was ready to resume Vieri lost midfielder general Craig Mason with a knee ligament injury then saw Socceroo Tommy McCulloch suffer the same fate.

To make matters worse, promising youngster Klaus Okon who was given a run with the team during the State Bank Cup, broke an ankle in a Youth League

game and could be out for the rest of the year.

The incredible aspect of all this is the fact that the entire midfield combination of Gray-Mason-McCulloch have all suffered prolonged injuries, almost simultaneously, and the season has not yet reached the half way stage.

The loss of Mason in particular was a tremendous blow to the side, his strength and authority in the middle of the park was sorely missed.

His value to the team is very often underestimated and it is a well known fact that when Mason has an off day the whole team struggles.

One player who has shown remarkable consistency throughout this difficult period has been none other than the veteran captain of the side Tony Henderson.

Although the 32 year old

sweeper has publicly stated that this is his final year in top class football, the form that he is displaying week after week suggest that he can hold his place in the National League for some time to come.

Henderson has been picking up points with monotonous regularity in the club's player of the year award, and has opened up a huge 14 point lead over his younger team mates.

He has truly been an inspiration to the side.

When the League resumes at the end of this month Marconi will have another week's break after the match against South Melbourne due to the bye.

This will give Vieri an opportunity of fielding a team at full strength for the first time this year, and the Soccer public will then have a chance to judge whether a side that has the potential to sweep all before it has got what it takes to achieve real success.



GREG RUSSELL
covers the
Queensland
scene

**SLICK
CITY**

DESPITE being among the leaders in this year's Queensland XXXX League competition, Azzurri Brisbane City are in no hurry to return to the National League.

The club is attempting to stabilise off the field after the new committee resigned last month. Many of the old staggers are back, presently in a caretaker capacity, but are expected to be voted back as the committee at a special general meeting on Friday, June 19.

"At the moment we have exactly the same record as Lions and we think we can win the championship ... but we are not thinking about the NSL just now," Pappalardo said.

"We want to build our club and our team to a strong position in Queensland before we consider National League again."



RUSSELL STEWART

City have put in a heartening performance this year to stay among the leaders, despite having a squad comprising mainly of their reserves team players from last season. Much of the credit must go to their coach Juan Cutillas, who has the Spencer Park side playing as a team for the first time in many years.

And the club is content to stay with its present squad rather than rush into the transfer market before the transfer deadline. The club already has a visa player waiting in the wings. Irish defender Noel Greenhalgh was bought out then transferred to Italian-backed neighbours Juventus trident to allow City to bring out Irish striker Martin Nugent.

"We are hoping Roberto Lettieri gets his Australian citizenship before the transfer deadline and then we will get Noel Greenhalgh back from trident," Pappalardo said.

"But we are very happy with what we have. There will be no big changes."

QUEENSLAND HAVE GOT THE BLUES!

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation officials have branded NSW as favorites for the interstate clash at Perry Park on June 14.

The Maroons rate the Blues side as potentially stronger than that which Queensland beat 1-0 at Soccer headquarters last year.

The Alan-Vest selected 15-man squad contains 14 players who have represented Australia at either full or youth level. And the NSW team is set for a much better preparation than the Maroons.

NSW have a match against the Australian youth squad this week, a game against the NSW Youth team next week and will meet ACT in a full interstate clash on the Monday prior to playing Queensland on the Sunday.



ROB FARROW

Although Queensland played in the Auckland FA tournament last month, more than a month will have passed by the time the interstate game comes around. And a backlog of fixtures caused by two weekends of wet weather has caused matches to be rescheduled to midweek, leaving Maroons coach Bruce Stowell with very few available dates to get his squad back in for training.

"We probably will have only two nights together before the NSW game. I would have loved to have the squad in one a week every week after the New Zealand tour leading up to the NSW game, but it was just not possible," Stowell said.

Stowell will not name his final squad until the week of the match but he already has stated he will call in initially the same 15 players who toured New Zealand without defeat. He will add other players he considers have earned selection in the

meantime and then will trim his squad to a final 14 on the eve of the NSW game.

The Maroons squad also will contain England and Manchester United captain Bryan Robson, which means Stowell can only name 13 resident Queenslanders. Robson is certain to lift everyone's game in the Queensland team, but Stowell's fears are that many in the NSW side have a point to prove.

"When you look at their squad it contains a number of players who are very much on the verge of inclusion in Frank Arok's national squad. I am sure they will be using this game to prove the point that they should have been in Korea with the Socceroos," Stowell said.

"It looks a very capable team and is going to be hard to beat. But then NSW are never any different."

The honors have been shared since the interstate clashes between Queensland and NSW were resumed four years ago. Queensland won the opening encounter 3-0, NSW were victorious the next two years 2-0 and 3-1 and Queensland stormed back with a 1-0 victory, thanks to a Kieran Cooper goal, last year.

Queensland has now not been beaten since it lost the first time against Fiji 2-1 in Suva in May 1985. The Maroons are determined to maintain that record at Perry Park this month.

The NSW squad is: Tony Pezzano, Tony Franken, Rob Hooker, Arno Bertogna (c), Tony Dakos, Ray Vliesstra, Gerry Gomez, Burim Zaimi, Ian Gray, Mark Jones, Peter Tredinnick, Addas Saad, Robbie Slater, Rod Brown, David Lowe.

The Queensland squad which toured NZ and will form the basis of the Maroons squad for the interstate game was: Dave Gallagher, Frank Mengotti, Steve Perry, Frank Liddell, Alan Niven, John Ogden, Martin Kirsopp, Russell Stewart, Jim Morton, Dave Wheeler, Mark Brusasco, Mark Gilbert, Brett Drury and Richard Bassingth-

waigte. (Lions goalkeeper Rob Farrow was also a tourist but broke his leg in the final match against Auckland and is out of contention for the interstate game).



Action from a recent NSW-Queensland clash as Danny Wright (centre) takes on Peter Tredinnick and Tommy McCulloch.

BRYAN ROBSON SHIRT UP FOR GRAB

ONE lucky Queenslander will be able to wear Bryan Robson's autographed England shirt after his history-making guest appearance for the Maroons after this month.

As part of the huge promotions being planned by the QSF for Robson's visit a special auction night will be held. The England and Manchester United captain is expected to bring with him for auction autographed England and Man United Jerseys. His Queensland shirt also will be raffled after the interstate game while before the match, Robson and his Queensland teammates will kick scores of balls into the crowd, which is expected to set a record at Perry Park.

"It is going to be a huge week, the biggest thing to happen in Queensland Soccer," said QSF promotions manager Mark Gardener, who played a key role in getting the England captain to Australia.

In addition to the guest appearance against NSW and the auction, Robson



BRYAN ROBSON

also is expected to make a number of guest appearances and conduct a junior coaching clinic.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell is keeping quiet on how he will use the England star. But it seems likely he will be given a free role in midfield to go forward — and score at will.

But Robson won't just walk into the team. Part of his contract, which was signed last week, requires him to attend two nights of training with the Queensland team.

"It's really to let him get to know his new team-mates and let the media get some shots of him in action prior to the game," said Gardener.

While Stowell is delighted in having Robson at his disposal for the annual interstate game, it also put him in the difficult position of having to decide which player to leave out from his squad which successfully toured New Zealand.

"The only way I can approach it is to pick a mid-field I think will blend," Stowell said.

FROM CELTIC TO ROVERS

VETERAN Scotland and Celtic rightback Danny McGrain could make a six-week guest appearance for Rochdale Rovers in the Queensland XXXX League this season.

McGrain was approached after he was given a free transfer by Celtic and not included in the touring party to come to Australia later this month.

Rochdale were put in touch with McGrain through Brisbane-based Jim Begley, the president of the Australian Celtic supporters Association. Begley's brother Mel is the secretary of the official Celtic supporters club in Glasgow.

The approach to

McGrain, who has played for Scotland 64 times, was part of a proposal put to Celtic through the Begleys. Rochdale also are hoping to organise three visa players from the Celtic boys and reserves teams to play in Brisbane next year and also hope to send their brightest junior talent to Celtic Park at the end of the season.

Details of the McGrain deal are yet to be finalised but it is understood to hinge on whether the talented full-back accepts a player-man-

ager position with Patrick Thistle. But Begley has no doubts that the other player-exchange arrangements can be finalised.

"Working through the official Celtic supporters club here and in Glasgow will ensure we get a good hearing. Celtic are a parochial club and this is Celtic people doing something for Celtic," he said.

Rochdale, who ironically play in the same shades of green and gold as carried on the Irish flags flown by Celtic supporters, also hoped to organise a game with Celtic when the QSF rejected an approach by tour promoters.

But on latest reports, the costs of the venture blew out and the club had to abandon the idea. From the response to newspaper articles, Brisbane fans were undoubtedly keen to watch the 1967 European Cup winners, but the dates offered to the QSF, and Rochdale were in the same week as the QSF's Bryan Robson guest appearance promotion.

Understandably, the QSF were not keen to become involved in anything which may take the shine from Robson's appearance, which is destined to be the biggest thing in Queensland Soccer history.



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BIG BATTLE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL

BY FRANK COLETTA

FINALLY and thankfully interstate and representative games have been resurrected.

With the advent of the NSW games against both the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland Soccer supporters will be able to witness the competitiveness of old as players go out to hold their own against their opposites from other states and regions.

The game between the Blues, coached by Alan Vest and Roy Thomson's Canberra boys will be a ding-dong affair as both sides are loaded with talent. It will be played on Mon-

day June 8 at the Bruce Stadium on the long weekend.

Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen is set to meet the teams and the kick-off will be at 3.00pm.

All the proceeds from the match, which should draw a large crowd, will be used to fund the Junior and Senior Representative teams of the ACT Soccer Federation.

Despite the many big names in the NSW line-up, Thompson refuses to be intimidated and has assured



ROY THOMSON

everyone that his mixture of Canberra City, AIS and local ACT players will more than hold their own.

He has good reason to have confidence in his charges: also with the well-performed likes of Tony Brennan, Jason Dunn, Tommy Sermanni, Jason Polak and Alan Reis taking the field.

Admittedly the NSW

squad is almost a Soccerroo outfit in itself.

Before the main event their will be two curtain raisers. At 12.15pm there will be a women's representative fixture between the ACT and Central NSW and at 2.00pm those much-admired media men will tackle a Presidents XI!

The squads are:
ACT: George Economopoulos, Peter Mazis, Jason Dunn, Tommy Sermanni, Alan Reis, Phil Reis

COMPETITIVENESS OF OLD TO SPUR ON THE PLAYERS



PAUL FOSTER

TOM SERMANNI LEADS HISTORIC ACT TEAM

BY GRAHAM COOKE

"I have a young, fit side prepared to fight all the way. If NSW think they are coming here for a picnic they are in for a big shock."

With his declaration ACT Soccer coach Roy Thomson set the scene for the history-making Queen's Birthday Monday match between the two teams.

After the announcement of the squads, people could be excused for seeing the game as a mismatch. NSW will bring a side packed full of NSL talent on the brink of Soccerroo selection.

The ACT players, drawn from Canberra Griffins, the Australian Institute of Sport and the local first division, will all have played within the previous 48 hours, most just the day before.

But Thomson believes he has one great advantage. "With the Institute unbeaten and the Griffins doing very well I will have a team of players accustomed to winning. They will not expect to lose. They will have no fear of losing."

"I was watching the AIS play the ACT League representative side at training with a smile on my face. I knew that the Institute team would be my team on that



TOMMY SERMANNI

Monday and what a bunch of talented, committed youngsters they are.

"Last year they were good but still a youth team, now they are youth in age only — playing the Victorian teams has matured them."

"The oldest member of the squad is Tom Sermanni from the Griffins, but there's no question about his fitness. I expect him to play a

key role as the general of the side."

Thomson has named six players from each of the league's representative squad playing the traditional fixture with Illawarra on Saturday — he will leave it to the last moment before making a choice.

"I would say Jim Harkins of Juventus is a virtual certainty, then there's John Walsh (Belconnen United), Tony Brennan (CCAE) and Stan Dukic (Croatia Deakin)."

"There's a problem with attitude in some places. I'm not interested in playing anyone who has a negative attitude to the game."

Thomson's main problem is getting the side together. A training session last week and a dinner on Friday before the game will be the limit of their involvement.

"They're training with their respective clubs and their fitness is not in doubt, the main thing is getting to know each other," he said.

"They can do that just as well with some salt and pepper tactics over dinner."

(Canberra City), Alex Cummings, David Healy, Paul Foster, Allister Edwards, John Koch, Jason Polak (AIS), Stan Dukic, Jim Harkins (Croatia Deakin), John Walsh (Belconnen United), Tony Brennan (CCAE), Roy Thomson (Coach).
NSW: Anthony Franken, Ray Viletstra, Robbie Slater, Mark Jones (Sydney Croatia), Burim Zaimi, Rod Brown, Arno Bertogna, Peter Tredinnick, Tony Pezzano (APIA Leichhardt), Tony Dakos, Robbie Hooker (Sydney Olympic), Ian Gray, David Lowe, Gerry Gomez (Marconi), Alan Vest (Coach).

ACT INDOOR SPARKS UP REFEREES PLAN

THE ACT Indoor Soccer Association has taken positive steps to ensure that the growth of indoor Soccer continues.

High quality referees will be available to control all local and national games which may be held in the Capital Territory, with the appointment of Ron Parker as the ACT Director of Referees.

Ron Parker's interest in indoor Soccer began almost eight years ago when ferrying one of his four children to his local game. At that time indoor Soccer was played with a "furry over sized tennis ball".

With Ron's background in refereeing field Soccer, it was not long before he was recruiting into refereeing International Rules in a local competition.

This was an Under 16 competition which was a lead up to State and National Championships and ultimately the selection of players to form an Australian squad.

During that year Ron was selected as coach of the ACT Under 16 team to contest the National Championships in



ACTISA

Sydney. The ACT was beaten in the final by the more than capable team from Revesby.

Two of Ron's players were selected in the Australian Training Squad and subsequently represented their country in a successful tour of Japan.

His refereeing duties have so far included all ages groups, both men and women, ACT, State and National Titles. This year saw him selected to control the first National Aboriginal Titles which were held in Canberra.

Far from satisfied with reaching this standard, he hopes to carry on until he has officiated at NISL matches and ultimately at World Cup level.

As a qualified referee of indoor Soccer, Ron likes to ensure that players not only play within the laws of the game but also within the spirit of the game.

He believes that this can be achieved providing referees are consistently correct in their decisions, behaviour and dress.

No sport can survive without the support of high quality referees. To ensure that the growth of indoor Soccer within the ACT continues, Ron Parker, as ACT Director of Referees, will be conducting courses and carrying out field test and inspections on all new and existing referees.

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ACT WOMEN

QUEANBEYAN'S LAURA FISHER AIDS WESTON CREEK DEFENCE

WESTON CREEK, the most successful club side in ACT women's Soccer, gave notice it will remain a force to be reckoned with by winning its opening first division game against Downer Olympic 4-0.

The Creek, with new signing Laura Fisher from Queanbeyan in its defence, took an early lead with two goals from Glenda Hall, and tied the match up in the second half through Julie Murray and Debbie Corcoran.

To compound a bad week for Downer one of its leading players, Alex Fockin, broke an ankle while playing for Campbell High School and will be out for most of the season.

Canberra City built on its Elaine Watson Cup victory by beating ANU 3-1 with goals from Isabelle Kelly (2) and Sally Rundle. Kirsten Smith replied for the University.

In the other first division game Belconnen United beat Stormbirds 2-1.

United's fortune did not follow it into reserve grade where it was beaten 4-0 by Queanbeyan for whom Fiona Rowlands, Juli Tonini, Rita Mannschek and Carol Egglitis scored.

ANU II beat CCAE 1-0 through Winifred Rollings and Tuggeranong United and Wanders fought out a 1-1 draw.

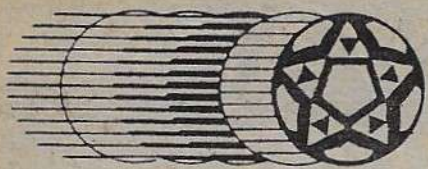
Concordia-Canberra's Jonelle Lancashire and Kim Semple helped their side to a 2-0 second division victory over ANU III while Weston Creek II beat Downer Olympic II 3-1 — Rosemary Santiago, Megan Stewart and Cathy Claziera scoring for the Creek and Debra Acland for Olympic.

In the remaining game Stormbirds II held CCAE II to a 1-1 draw.

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AISF MESSAGE

JOE BRENT

IT is my pleasure as Australian Indoor Soccer Federation (Inc) president to welcome the inclusion of our regular page in Australian Soccer Weekly.

We have calculated that there are some 100,000 Indoor Soccer players throughout Australia. They range from the National team, the National Indoor Soccer League, the State Leagues, through to the club and school competitions.

It was a logical move to go with Australian Soccer Weekly. Our players' locations extend across Australia from east to west and also from north to south.

With its increased distribution ASW can deliver to our players and supporters the news that we need to place right before them.

Putting it straight on the line, COMMUNICATION is the name of the game for Indoor Soccer, and it is necessary to have the means at our disposal to deliver the news of our huge plans and developments which will provide sport and excitement at every level.

I can recommended to Indoor Soccer players and fans that they keep right up to date from here on by following our fine sport each week in Soccer Weekly.

JOE BRENT, President,
AISF Inc.

ROBBIE STUART — NEW AUSSIE CAPTAIN

SYDNEY Tornadoes Australian international Robbie Stuart is the new Australia skipper for the forthcoming Pacific Cup series in Melbourne.

Stuart's appointment was announced by national coach Nick Nicolopoulos following the recent national training camp in Sydney.

The full squad for the Pacific Cup matches is:

Goalkeepers: Craig Carlisle (Sydney Tornadoes), Bruce Thurlow (Lotto All Stars), Tony Musemeci (Canberra City Strikers).

Court players: Robbie Stuart (Sydney Tornadoes), Ian Murray (Canberra City Strikers), John Lembryk (Sydney Tor-

nadoes), Glen Jeffries (Sydney Tornadoes), Colin Simpson (Brisbane Natta Bombers), Hector Martinez (Enduro Spartans), Charlie Akkary (Enduro Spartans), Richard Barnard (Brisbane Natta Bombers), Gil Tour (Sydney Tornadoes) Billy Stewart (Canberra City Strikers), Ian Wotherspoon (Canberra City Strikers), Pat Dalton (Lotto All Stars), Erkan Osman (Sydney Tornadoes).

Coach is Nick Nicolopoulos (Sydney Tornadoes), manager is Jim Roberts (ACT) and assistant manager Keith Rundle (ACT).

ZEGO ISN'T ZICO, BUT...

AUSTRALIAN Indoor Soccer people are going to hear a lot of the name Zego.

The likeable Zego is to the world indoor movement what his similar sounding Brazilian name Zico is to the outdoor game.

Zego spent most of the Australian team's visit to Brazil last year with the Aussies and now has been signed to tour Australia on a series of coaching clinics and spells with the national team.

Zego is Brazil's most famous player and now in retirement is the official FIFUSA development officer and ambassador.

He is just back in Sao Paulo following a coaching stint in Columbia.

His visit to Australia will be for six weeks and he is due to arrive the middle of next month in time for the Australian team's training camp at the AIS in Canberra from June 23 to 26.

At left the all action style of indoor Soccer.

BUFFALO SPORTS BACKERS OF INDOOR PACIFIC CUP

BUFFALO Sports, long term backers of both the outdoor and indoor variety of Australian Soccer, will be the official sponsor of the forthcoming Pacific Cup to be staged in Melbourne.

The Pacific Cup will feature the national indoor teams from New Zealand, Japan, Canada, United States, Mexico and Australia and will be held at the spanking new and highly impressive Preston Indoor Centre in Melbourne from July 2/7.

The Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, John Brown, who is also the patron of the Australian Indoor Soccer movement, will officially open the centre and the Pacific Cup on July 2.

The tournament will be covered by SBS Television, ensuring Buffalo considerable mileage for its backing.

The managing director of Buffalo Sports is Mr Eane Whitton, who is also the Victorian Indoor Soccer Association president.

The AISF chose the Preston venue over the equally attractive offer from the Burswood Casino in Perth to stage the first ever Pacific Cup.

The tournament will serve as a first class yardstick for national coach Nick Nicolopoulos, who is looking ahead to next year's World Cup which will be staged in Australia as part of our Bi-Centennial celebrations.

Hardie NISL

The Pacific Cup will be followed by preparation for this year's National Indoor Soccer League, which will once again be sponsored by James Hardie Industries.

James Hardie Industries have increased their backing of the NISL and it will again be covered by SBS Television.

Bryan Anstee, the group manager for advertising and promotions, was recently appointed the chairman of the league and many new ideas and promotional activities are planned.

Among those is a change of televised venues to the new Preston Centre in Melbourne, which provides seating for 2,000 spectators and the Bankstown Basketball Stadium in Sydney.

The James Hardie NISL kicks off on August 14 with the final on February 13 1988.

There will be two breaks in the league — a four week spell over Christmas and a probable four week gap late November-early December to enable the Australian team to play a series of games in Brazil.

It is most likely these games will be in Sao Paulo and Rio, with a slight preference for basing the team in Rio following last year's experience when the Rio leg of the tour was hosted by Bradesco, the world champion indoor Soccer team.

Bradesco, the leading banking/insurance group in Brazil, sponsors a whole host of professional sporting teams including the world champion futsal or indoor team.

The players "work" for the corporation with tons of time in training camps at the superb accommodation/training complex on the outskirts of Rio.

The Australians stayed there last year and will be keen to take up Bradesco's offer of a return visit.

The complex features first class accommodation, dining, recreational and training facilities all "under the one roof" and there is little doubt the Australian team would benefit enormously from a month's stay at Bradesco.

NISL 1987/8 FRANCHISES

Thirteen franchised teams will participate in this year's James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

Auckland, Perth Wildcats, Melbourne Eliminators, Lotto Allstars, Enduro Spartans, Illawarra, Bundaberg, Brisbane Natta Bombers, Central Districts Perth, Geelong, Canberra Rockets and last year's finalists Canberra City Strikers and champions Sydney Tornadoes.



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\$9000 INVOLVED IN AMPOL SERIES AGAINST CANBERRA

BY PHIL MURPHY

AT least two Premier League clubs have indicated they won't be available for the Ampol Cup end-of-season series against Canberra teams because they feel the season already drags on too long.

The coaches aren't revealing their identities but they are in charge of teams with very good chances of making the top four.

Illawarra's top four clubs will take on Canberra's semi-finalists in a round robin leading up to home and away final.

In all it will take five weekends and the coaches are not prepared to stay on that long.

One said he is contracted to grand final day and hopes his team will get in to the grand final but he isn't interested in anything after that date.

"I started light training with my players just before Christmas and we have been training two and sometimes three nights since mid-January," he said.

"This Canberra series won't finish until the end of October so that means I will have been on the job more than 10 months.

"I love the game but that is just too much for me."

Some clubs who could qualify for the series have already booked end-of-sea-

son trips and one of these is Tarravanna.

Club spokesman Ross Emerton said the club have booked for 25 players in Surfer's Paradise over the October long weekend.

"We aren't hot favourites to make the semi-final but the players are confident they will qualify and it will be a case of cancelling the trip away," Emerton said.

"I'm not knocking the Ampol Cup idea but it is going to provide one or two problems before it is over."

Association secretary Harry Brown said he feels the new series will prove a big winner when it starts.

"It gives clubs an added incentive to make the top four; even if they miss our grand final they can still win the Ampol Cup and the total prizemoney is around \$9000," he said.

"I regard the innovation as a big step forward for the ISA."

Unanderra were involved in their first match of the day when they met West-Figtree on Sunday.

The club were promoted to Premier League at the start of last season and had to battle to dodge relegation.

Things didn't look any better at the start of the new season but coach Ron Sattin has always been confident his team would improve.

Sattin is also a bit psychic because he told his players

before they went out against Bulli six weeks ago they would start a run of good form.

"Before that game I said we would start picking up points and finally crack it for a match of the day against South Coast Croatia."

"We certainly improved and actually gained a match of the day two weeks before I thought we would."

After drawing 1-1 with Bulli, Unanderra won two and drew two of their next four games and Sattin says there is no longer relegation



ALEX BUNDALO

talk within the club.

One of the form players is fullback Peter Lipsomb, who

ILLAWARRA INFO

is in the Navy and last year played in an Eastern Australian team as goalkeeper.

It is only this year he decided to have a go in an outfield position and Sattin says he is doing exceptionally well.

In his junior days, Lipscomb played goalkeeper in Illawarra representative teams with St George striker Graham Fletcher.

Upset

Second Division club Portside pulled off a big upset when they knocked Cringila out of the Bampton Cup.

Coached by Slavko Traicevski, Portside are having their first season in the ISA and have ambitions to eventually get in to Premier League.

They have a number of former Wollongong Macedonia and Cringila players in their first grade side.

Could it be they will do what Wollongong Macedonia did when they were first admitted to the ISA Second Division.

Macedonia, then Wollongong United, stormed in to the Bampton Cup final at the first attempt and drew big crowds to every game.

Red Card

It's a long time since Fernhill have had a player suspended for 12 weeks but that's what happened to midfielder Peter Gallagher.

Gallagher was sent from the field on a head-butting charge as his team went down 3-1 at Towradgi Park.

The ISA stipulates that a player on such a charge automatically must serve 12 weeks.

Fernhill, along with Bulli, have had exemplary disciplinary records in recent seasons and coach Gerry Walker was disappointed at the incident.

"These things can happen in the heat of a game but it is something we aren't used to seeing at this club," Walker said.

Gallagher was shown the red card after becoming involved in a scuffle with Fig-

tree fullback Paul Cole.

Physio

Carl Simeon is a new face on the Wollongong City bench this season.

A fully qualified physio, Simeon has taken over the Wolves' job from Pat Brown who has gone overseas.

Originally from Cowra, Simeon has travelled all over Australia and ran a Sports medicine clinic in Adelaide.

While there he treated the Port Adelaide Australian rules players as well as most of the SA State side.

He has become totally involved in his new surroundings and coach John Fleming says Simeon is more nervous watching the game from the bench than he is.

Fleming said the new man is a real character and "great" to have around the dressing room.

"He is very popular with the players and more important is a real pro at his job and his ability could be very important to us by the end of the season," Fleming said.

Hooked

Church League Soccer in Illawarra is a risky business for officials these days.

The league plays games Saturday afternoon and one official struck a problem putting nets up.

He didn't have a ladder or chair so was jumping up to connect the net with a series of hooks along the crossbar.

The unfortunate official had his finger tangled up in one of the hooks and it came off completely.

Bleeding

Could there be another Bundalo on the way up?

Nova Bundalo plays in the Wollongong City reserves team and is the younger brother of Alex, who is doing so well in the NSL with Leichhardt.

Noval has been used as a replacement late in games by coach John Fleming as part of his "bleeding" for a first team debut.

SYDNEY CROATIA VICTORIOUS AGAINST BRAVE HEIDELBERG

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY Croatia booked their place in the NSL Beach Fashions Cup final when Steffen Manis Lamond just managed to beat Heidelberg's Soccerroo keeper Jerker Oliver on the penalty spot with the last kick of the match.

The game went to extra time and penalty kicks, with Croatia winning 5-4 on penalties after the teams had ended 1-1 on goals.

Victory takes the winners into a two-legged final against South Melbourne set down for Wednesdays June 24 and July 1.

This was a game with all the traditional excitement of cup-tie football — and how the two sets of participants turned it on for a non-stop

130 minutes.

Heidelberg coach John Margaritis can take a big bow for the way that he has licked a listless squad into a group of demoniac but skillful fighters over a few short weeks.

And the way that darting little Heidelberg striker Peter Tsolakis began it seemed certain that it would be curtains for the classy Croats.

He hit the post in the 11th minute, and along with Steve Marley, Claude Lucchesi, John Anastasiadis and Alan Hunter, the pressure was really on Sydney Croatia throughout a scoreless first half.

But it was Mark Jones who scored and simultaneously emphasised his tremendous heading ability in the 47th minute.

Graham Jennings beat a path up the left touchline and Jones scored with a glorious header at the near post.

But an own goal from Veden-

ran Rozic equalled things four minutes later.

Robbie Slater should have stitched it up for Sydney Croatia after Chris Ketsakidis handled but Oliver saved the penalty.

Zarko Odzakovic, distributing but not tackling, went off before the game arrived at extra time.

Graham Arnold kneed a ball just over and then the game went to penalties.

The scoring went to 4-4 after Slater, Marley, McKinnon, Savor, Hunter, Jennings, Valentine and Clinch found the net in turn.

Tony Franken chose correctly to save from Ketsakidis and then Lamond did it right for a 5-4 winner.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Rezo, Jennings, Viletstra, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Savor, Arnold, Odzakovic (Lamond 91), Jones.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Marley, Ketsakidis, Hunter, Selmidis, Lucchesi (Kanesoulis 66), Anastasiadis, Valentine, Fraser, McKinnon, Tsolakis.

Referee: A Owens. Crowd: 1853.



ZARKO ODZAKOV against Adelaide City.

NORTHERN NSW BITTER PILL FOR CENTRAL COAST

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

AFTER five series of the 1987 Toohey's sponsored Northern NSW State First Division premiership, it appears to be a case of history repeating itself for the Central Coast club.

Last season, it was a two-way battle between Central Coast and Wallsend for most of the two rounds until Wallsend broke clear and left Central Coast in the unenviable position of having to accept relegation to the second division.

There was speculation over whether Central Coast would reform for this year.

But the move to the club's new ground at Plum Park, Lisarow and the Northern Federation's invitation to return to the first division after the second division premier, Stockton, did not apply for promotion, changed the situation.

Now, however, after five games, Central Coast is without a point and heading towards the position it held at the end of the premiership rounds last year.

But, after last Sunday's game against Belmont-Swansea United at Blacksmiths, it's hard to understand why.

Belmont-Swansea escaped with a 2-1 win, but most of the day's honours went to Central Coast.

Coach Brian McDonald must have had mixed feelings about the result.

Goalkeeper Darryl Slatyer almost deprived the Belswans of their first-half goal

by Peter Winsor and, for 40 minutes of the second half, Central Coast did most of the attacking.

In this period, Winsor and Ian Johns were well marked by Wayne Maguire and Ian Robertson and it was Maguire who almost equalised mid-way through the half only to see the ball from his angled header rebound off the right-side post.

The pressure eventually told though and, in the 74th minute, striker John White rose above the Central defence to convert Matt Garland's free kick.

But, just when it seemed that Central Coast had its first win of the season in sight, a Belswans' substitute, Paul Sidebottom, stole the show with a lofted drive that caught Slatyer off his line five minutes from the end.

The defeat was another bitter pill for Central Coast.

But Brian McDonald's young squad showed enough team work and vigour to suggest that at least a part reversal of its first five negative results is not out of the question.

Meanwhile, with the premiers, West Wallsend, having lost their last three games and the 1986 grand final winner, Belmont-Swansea, two points from the top of the table as the result of a drawn game, Adamstown Rosebud remains unbeaten and at the top of the ladder with 15 points from its five games and a goal tally of 22.

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"SPORTS REVIEW IS OURS" — INSTITUTE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport officials have reacted angrily to criticism of the Soccer program by former Soccerroo captain Johnny Warren in Australian Soccer Weekly.

In particular they rejected allegations that the Federal Government had been on the verge of dropping Soccer from the AIS, that the government interfered in the selection process for a new head coach, and that there had been an independent survey which had shown the coaches working for only 12 hours a week.

The deputy director of the AIS, Paul Brettell, said any decision on whether a sport should be dropped from the Institute would be made by its board, not the government.

"Soccer, like every other sport we have here, is constantly subject to review in order that we can assess the direction the program is taking and whether changes are necessary," he said.

"A review took place last year when there were suggestions that the program would be better off at the NSW Soccer Federation's Parklea complex. Jimmy Shoulder, the former head Soccer coach at the AIS, was involved and the decision was made that Soccer was better off here.

"We recognise the need for the program to extend its profile and for the need to work with the Australian Soccer Federation in order to maximise resources. I would say that that relationship is as close now, if not closer, than it has ever been.

"Ron Smith, the present head coach, has initiated a number of plans, such as playing matches against Victorian League clubs, this season. The national youth coach, Les Scheinflug, is also closely associated with the program."

Brettell added that coaching staff appointments were a matter for the AIS board and the government would not involve itself in the selection process.

"I have absolutely no doubt that Ron Smith is eminently suitable for the job," he stated.

"And I know of no independent research which indicates the coaches only work 12 hours a week. Anyone who suggests that simply does not know what coaching is about."

The general manager of the Australian Sports Commission, Greg Hartung, said he was puzzled at a reference to his body in the Warren article (Warren stated the Commission officials had told him the AIS coaching position was his and that "everything was fixed up").

"I would like to know what officials he is referring to. I know of no involvement in the AIS Soccer coach appointment by the commission or any of its officials," he said.

Smith admitted that the public profile of the AIS team had not been the highest in the past, "but we cannot determine what papers publish".

"Two weeks after the National Youth grand final last year I was approached by the referee who had officiated at the Northern Division grand final who asked how we had got on. Not even the result got into the Sydney papers.

"The Sydney press has never taken the slightest interest in the AIS Soccer program other than to criticise it unfairly."

No Budget

The program did not have a budget for publicity and was dependent on Soccer journalists taking an interest, yet since the Soccer program had opened six years ago two members of the Sydney press had visited it — one for about 45 minutes.

"In the last six months things have improved. I can understand the Victorians not taking an interest because we never played there, but we played in the NSW competition for five years and we are only a three-and-a-half-hour drive down the road.

"Our present venture with the Victorian Soccer Federation was criticised by all and sundry before a ball had even been kicked.

"In fact it has led to the Institute status being raised in the eyes of the general public, not only in the ACT, but throughout Victoria as well."

Smith said it was his ambition to make the program as open to outside influences as possible and he had invited several NSL coaches to come in and work with the players. Billy Murray had brought the entire Preston squad for a three-day camp before the start of the present season.

"I know that Frank Arok (Soccerroo coach) has an immense workload, but I certainly want to get him here when his duties with the national team and St George allow.

"The more coaches look upon this place as somewhere to come and get to know the players the better, as it is then easier for us to get our players out and settled with a club.

"A lot of the scholarship holders come from areas outside the main centres and would not be known to the big clubs."

In answer to allegations of government dissatisfaction at the lack of sponsorship for Soccer at the AIS, he said that was not the responsibility of the program.

"The Institute has a marketing arm which co-ordinates sponsorship. There are more than 30 coaches in various sports here and it would be organised chaos if every one of them went out on their own looking for sponsors.

"I have received permission to do a little work in this field in connection with the promotion of our challenge series game with the Victorian State League clubs, but it is very limited."



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TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT COVERS NSW AND ACT

Sutherland	v	Manly	4-0	1-0	0-2	4-0
Marconi	v	Blacktown	4-1	0-2	—	—

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U12	U11
Illawarra v Manly	0-0	—
Nepean v Gladesville	2-2	0-3
South & East v Central Coast	2-0	1-0
Granville v South Dists	0-1	0-2
St George v Canterbury	1-3	5-0
Sutherland v Blacktown	0-0	4-0
Bankstown v Macarthur	3-0	1-1

RUSHY'S CORNER

CUONG TU, Ku-ring-gai's U14 goalkeeper, is out of action for sometime having suffered a fractured shoulder in a recent game.

Cuong was hoping to trial for a position in the U14 State team. But he will now have to wait until he is fully fit. Ku-ring-gai U14s wish Cuong a speedy recovery to boost their position in the Youth League table.

Blacktown City's U15 goalkeeper, John Crawley, was very pleased with being invited to trial for the U15 state team.

John is a very dedicated player who trains four nights a week including one night with ex-Auburn keeper John MacDonald.

Kurt Morrison and Gary Bell will soon be turning out in the Ku-ring-gai strip, having transferred from Blacktown City's U15 team.

Dazzling Gladesville Hornsby U14 midfielder Tim Preston will be on the sideline for four weeks after having 13 stitches inserted in a gash to the left leg.

Tim was playing in a school game when he was caught by exposed studs in a tackle.

His team-mates hope to see him back on the field as soon as possible.

Marconi U15s caused the upset of the round by beating Sydney Olympic 1-0. Marconi's goal was scored by promising striker Glen Johnson.

Last-placed Yugal in the U13 B competition gave first position Canterbury a big fright.

I am told that Canterbury were lucky to get away with a 4-2 win.

SOCCER PUZZLER

How is it possible for one player to score two goals in a row without any other player touching the ball in between?

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He scores from the resulting penalty and has scored twice without any other player touching in between.

It is also possible for a player to score twice by scoring the equaliser at the end of extra time and then taking the first penalty in a penalty shootout.

QUICK QUIZ NO.2

Q1: The game is stopped when a player is seriously injured. A defender then strikes an opponent inside the penalty area. The defender is given a red card. How should the play be restarted.

Q2: A goal kick is taken and the ball is returned to the goalkeeper when it almost reaches the penalty area boundary line. Is this permitted?

Q3: During a match the crossbar is broken. Can a rope be used instead of the crossbar?

Q4: A player attempts to kick an opponent but does not make contact. Is this an offence?

Q5: An attacker is in an offside position when he receives the ball from a throw in. He scores a goal. Is the goal allowed?

ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ NO.2

Q1: Play is restarted with a drop ball where the ball was when the match was stopped because the offence occurred when the ball was not in play.

Q2: No. The ball must pass completely outside the penalty box before it can be played.

Q3: No, not in competition matches. The match must be abandoned.

Q4: Yes, attempting to kick an opponent is as serious as actually kicking him.

Q5: Yes, a player cannot be offside when receiving the ball directly from a throw in.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

AFTER a disappointing performance in the first half, Sutherland came back strongly in the final session to defeat a much improved Yugal outfit 3-0.

The Yugal lads took the game up to Sutherland in the first half but they were unable to provide the finishing touches.

Sutherland stormed the Yugal goal early in the second session scoring two goals in as many minutes and from there on they started to play constructive football.

Nathan Metcalfe was faultless in midfield and his crisp passing with Evan Winton and Adam Pascoe created space for Matthew Woodhouse and David Reilly to run rings around the

Yugal defence, only to have their efforts brought to a halt by a superb goalkeeping performance from an athletic Yugal keeper. Final score: Sutherland 3 Yugal 0. Scorers: Adam Pascoe, Matthew Woodhouse and Warren Liackman.

U15s

AN own goal early in the first half after a shot from Ashley Gurd appeared to unsettle the Yugal team, which allowed Sutherland to dictate the play.

Greg Hibbons and Adrian Blackburn in the midfield continually created chances which allowed the forwards led by Stuart Jones to apply plenty of pressure on the Yugal defence.

But it was Hibbons who ran onto a through ball and scored with a superb drive.

The second half was an evenly fought tussle with both teams creating many opportunities.

THIS year's Tri-State competition will be contested by four branches of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

Sydney branch will be resrepresented by the leading team at the half way mark in each of the four division A Youth League competitions in their respective age groups.

Central Coast will represent the Northern Branch, while the ACT will field a State team.

The fourth position will be filled by country representative teams.

The tournament takes the form of a round-robin and will be played over the Queens Birthday weekend at Valentine Park.

Youth League teams involved will have competition games suspended and these will be played at a later date.

The Grand Final of the Mini Demon Cup was played before the main game at the Gabble Stadium on Sunday 24th May in front of 2500 cheering fans.

The Mini Demon Cup is a six a side knockout competition for U6 teams from the Blacktown area played during the season at Blacktown City's home games and sponsored by G&S Removals.

The finalists, Parklea and Greystanes, played their hearts out in a hard fought match which was won by Greystanes 1-0.

The result however was second in importance to the enjoyment experienced by these young up and coming players.

The teams were: Greystanes: Craig Dale, Andrew Briffa, Todd Mico, Daniel Rankin, Trent Wilson, Nader Shayeb, Clint Portelli, Lindsay Klein and Daniel Bucca.

Parklea: Dirk Whelan, Michael Woods, Gregory Lloyd, Brendan Duthie, Shaun Green, Michael Vaughan, Luke Cascuna, Blair Collins, Beren Sullivan.

STATE team trials have begun and I am certain that the three coaches must be very pleased with the talent available.

Coaches, managers and trainers have been announced and they are as follows:

U13s Coach: J. Haynes, Manager: J. Hedison, Trainer: S. Macarthur.

U14s Coach: I. Lloyd, Manager: K. Posselt, Trainer: J. Hughes.

U15s Coach: G. Andkudnoff, Manager: V. Balzan, Trainer: F. Wilson.

U13s

Sutherland's new signing Robert Tindall appears to have settled in well and he has greatly assisted the overall performance of the team.

Gavin Wallace ran well right through the match and many times was able to beat the defence with dazzling runs. Final score: Sutherland Yugal 0. Scorers: Greg Hibbons OG.

POLONIA vs Manly U13s

Polonia's hard working midfield and defenders provided the basis for a strong win.

Polonia 2 Manly 0.

U15s

Polonia had to fight all the way to knock over a spirited Manly team.

NSWASF TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT

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ROUND 1 Saturday 6th June

GROUND 2

AGE	TIME	TEAM	V TEAM
13	10.00	COUNTRY	V ACT
14	11.30	COUNTRY	V ACT
15	1.00	COUNTRY	V ACT
16	2.30	COUNTRY	V ACT

GROUND 3

TEAM	V TEAM
NTHN NSW	V SYDNEY
NTHN NSW	V SYDNEY
NTHN NSW	V SYDNEY
NTHN NSW	V SYDNEY

ROUND 2 Sunday 7th June

GROUND 2

AGE	TIME	TEAM	V TEAM
13	10.00	SYDNEY	V COUNTRY
14	11.30	SYDNEY	V COUNTRY
15	1.00	SYDNEY	V COUNTRY
16	2.30	SYDNEY	V COUNTRY

GROUND 3

TEAM	V TEAM
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ROUND 3 Monday 8th June

GROUND 2

AGE	TIME	TEAM	V TEAM
13	9.00	NTHN NSW	V COUNTRY
14	10.15	NTHN NSW	V COUNTRY
15	11.45	NTHN NSW	V COUNTRY
16	1.15	NTHN NSW	V COUNTRY

GROUND 3

TEAM	V TEAM
SYDNEY	V ACT
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PRESENTATIONS: UNDER 13: 11am, UNDER 14: 12 noon, UNDER 15: 1.30pm, UNDER 16: 3pm.

ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 15 SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

GROUP A

Marconi	v	Central Coast	Marconi No.2
Sydney Olympic	v	Nepean	Pratten Park
Gladesville	v	Blacktown City	Pioneer Park
Sydney City	v	APIA	Syd. Athletic
St George	v	Sthn Districts	Peakhurst Park
Melita	v	Cant/Marrick	Melita Stad.
Ku-ring-gai	v	Illawarra	Golden Jubilee

GROUP B

C/town City	v	Sutherland	Lynwood Park
Macarthur	v	Polonia	Ponderosa Park
Uruguay/Pen.	v	Manly	Mona Park
Nth Bankstown	v	Bankstown	Potts Park
Avala	v	Rockdale	Knight Park
Croatia	v	Canterbury	Jensen Park
Blacktown	v	Yugal	Mt Druitt Tn.

NSW Youth League

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Ku-ring-gai	0-5	0-3	0-5	1-1
Sydney Olympic	3-2	1-0	5-0	3-1
Blacktown City	3-0	0-0	1-1	5-0
Gladesville	1-0	0-8	2-4	0-2
Sydney City	Wof	0-3	4-2	1-2
Sthn Districts	0-1	1-3	0-3	1-1
Cant/Marrick	1-2	0-4	2-4	0-0

GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sutherland	3-0	0-1	2-0	3-0
Macarthur	8-1	4-0	1-0	3-0
Polonia	2-0	0-5	2-0	0-1
Uruguay/Aub.	0-2	2-0	1-2	1-2
Bankstown	0-1	1-0	1-3	0-8
Rockdale	0-5	0-11	0-3	1-1
Blacktown	1-7	0-1	0-1	1-0

SOCCERWORDS

A N G O T R E B A T L E M F
D R E T A L S C O T T N A H
B A I N H T T Y S C A R V E
N E L L U M A H H G I A E Y
H A G A N M V P E N N J W S
A R R N T B I R A E I H U I
J T I O E R L U G L E H S L
O C B S R O L M I A O A I O
H I E R G W O O T K R W W B
N Z D E N N S L S O R S E M
S O A T D K E Y M E Y E L I
T R W T I Y N U I L A N E R
O F R A S E R E D A K O S T
N I A P A T M C I V E J O G

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYERS

FIND the names listed below in the puzzle above. They may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards. Circle the word as you find it. The leftover letters spell the name of a player recently included in the Australia squad.

BERTOGLA (APIA)
BAIN (George Cross)
BROWN (APIA)
DAKOS (Olympic)
ESTAVILLO (Olympic)
EGAN (South Melb)
FARINA (Marconi)
FRASER (Heidelberg)
GOJEVIC (Preston)
HUNTER (Heidelberg)
HEYS (Melb Croatia)
HAGAN (St George)
ILIOSKI (Preston)
JOHNSTON (Olympic)
JONES (Sydney Croatia)
LUJIC (Footscray)
LOWE (Marconi)
LEWIS (Brunswick)

LANE (Brunswick)
MELTA (Ad City)
MURPHY (South Melb)
MULLEN (Ad City)
MEIER (Olympic)
NYSKOHUS (Ad City)
O'SHEA (St George)
PATTERSON (Brunswick)
ROZIC (Sydney Croatia)
RUMORA (Sydney Croatia)
SCOTT (Melb Croatia)
STUART (Preston)
SLATER (Sydney Croatia)
TRIMBOLI (George Cross)
TOBIN (Ad City)
TAPAI (Footscray)
VAN EGMOND (Footscray)
WHEATLEY (Marconi)
WADE (Sth Melb)

CODE HELPS JUNIORS

BY ALAN VEST

IT was interesting to see the NSW public schools sports council's draft on "codes of behaviour in school sport" because much of it is very relevant to junior Soccer.

In the past week I have had numerous calls from junior coaches, asking if I could put an article together on the pressures junior coaches get from parents and spectators at games.

THE CODES ARE DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT:

1. The principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport.

2. Students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups and peers.

3. The encouragement of pupil participation in sport and, in so doing contribute to higher levels of physical fitness.

All the above codes are very relevant to our junior Soccer and coaches have to encourage young players to have the correct attitude to the game.

Everyone wants to win when they play a competitive game and there is nothing wrong with that, providing it is not at all costs. Junior Soccer is about enjoyment and about developing players to become better as they progress.

Many junior coaches have stressed to me the pressure and dilemma they have when selecting the team, keeping all the squad

of up to 16 happy and playing as regularly as possible, and using substitutes.

They reckon the abuse from parents and other adults when they make some of their decisions often gets them wondering whether it's all worth it.

I think probably the main factor is to determine what the teams and the clubs objectives are prior to the season and make these objectives known to everyone connected with the club, including the players and their parents.

At least then any criticism can be pointed out as being club policy.

Many coaches and officials at junior club level put in many hours on club business with little thanks.

They do a tremendous job and the least they should expect is a season free of abuse.

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE FIRST

Northcote City 1 Croydon City 3, Oakleigh 0 Green Gully 1, Morwell Falcons 2, Fawkner 3, Springvale City 1 Broadmeadows 0, Western Suburbs 1 AIS, Thomastown 4 St Albans 1, Maribyrnong 0 Frankston Pines 2, Box Hill 1 Caulfield City 1.

RESERVES

Northcote City 0 Croydon City 0, Oakleigh 0 Green Gully 7, Morwell Falcons 0 Fawkner 0, Springvale City 0 Broadmeadows 4, Western Suburbs 1, Thomastown 0 St Albans 1, Maribyrnong 11 Frankston Pines 1, Box Hill 3 Caulfield City 2.

VIC 1 FIRST

Sunbury Utd 1 SM Mordialloc 1, Werribee 2 Doncaster Rvrs 2, Bulleen 0 Albion Rovers 3, Nth Dandenong 4 Richmond 1, Knox City 0 Nunawading City 0, Altona Gate 0 Ringwood Rity 3, Melbourne 1 Essendon City 0.

RESERVES

Sunbury Utd 1 SM Mordialloc 0, Werribee 2 Doncaster Rvrs 3, Bulleen 2 Albion 2, Nth Dandenong 4 Richmond 4, Knox City 0 Nunawading City 0, Altona Gate 2 Ringwood City 1, Melbourne 1 Essendon City 0.

VIC 2 FIRST

Ringwood United 3 Prahran City 2, Sandringham 0 Clifton Hill 0, Hamlyn Rvrs 1 Nth Geelong 2, Dandenong City 0 Mornington 0, Waverley City 2 Doveton 1, Altona City 0 Mooroolbark 2, Westgate 7 Eltham 1.

RESERVES

Ringwood United 3 Prahran City 4, Sandringham 1 Clifton Hill 1, Hamlyn Rvrs 3 Nth Geelong 1, Dandenong City 5 Mornington 0, Waverley City 2 Doveton 2, Altona City 2 Mooroolbark 0, Westgate 1 Eltham 0.

VIC 3 FIRST

West Brunswick bye, Yallourn 1 Port Melbourne 2, F T Gully 4 Springvale Utd 0, Bell Park 2 Rosanna 0, Keilor 3 Corio/Geelong 0, Moreland Pk Rgr 2 Geelong 0, Moorabbin City 2 Clarinda 3.

RESERVES

West Brunswick bye, Yallourn 3 Port Melbourne 2, F T Gully 3 Springvale Utd 0, Bell Park 2 Rosanna 4, Keilor 3 Corio/Geelong 2, Moreland Pk Rgr 2 Geelong 0, Moorabbin City 2 Clarinda 0.

VIC 4 FIRST

Pascoe Vale 1 Williamstown 1, Seaford Utd 0 Diamond Vly Utd 1, East Brunswick 2 Prahran 0, Karingal Utd 0 Loral Utd 4, Boronia 0 Langwarrin 1, Coburg 1 keysborough 3, Hawthorn 2 Holland Park 1.

RESERVES

Pascoe Vale 4 Williamstown 3, Seaford Utd 1 Diamond Vly Utd 2, East Brunswick 1 Prahran 3, Karingal Utd 0 Loral Utd 1, Boronia 1 Langwarrin 1, Coburg 2 Keysborough 1, Hawthorn 2 Holland Park 1.

PROV 1 FIRST

Melton 1 Nth Sunshine 2, Regent 0 Clayton 1, Ardeer 0 Malvern City 2, Ballarat 0 Ivanhoe City 0, Brighton 2 Greensborough 2, Chelsea 2 East Preston 5, Central City 1 East Geelong 2.

RESERVES

Melton 0 Nth Sunshine 1, Regent 0 Clayton 5, Ardeer 4 Malvern City 2, Ballarat 1 Ivanhoe City 2, Brighton 2 Greensborough 4, Chelsea 3 East Preston 1, Central City 2 East Geelong 1.

PROV 2 FIRST

Westmeadows 6 Wantima 3, Sth Yarra 1 Glenroy 0, Batman Utd 5 Ascot Vale Cy 1, Forest Hill 1 Mossfield 3, Berwick City 0 Monbulk 1, Cranbourne 2 Brunswick City 2, Dingley Utd 2 Monash Utd 2.

RESERVES

Westmeadows 11 Wantima 0, Sth Yarra 0 Glenroy 5, Batman Utd 1 Ascot Vale Cy 0, Forest Hill 2 Mossfield 3, Berwick City 3 Monbulk 1, Cranbourne 1 Brunswick City 0, Dingley Utd 0 Monash Utd 3.

PROV 3 FIRST

Sprvale Condors 2 Ringwood Rovers 0, Waverley Utd 1 Port United 1, Uni Of Melb 0 Loral 2, Burwood Utd 3 South Spvale 1, Northern Utd 1 Mitcham Utd 3, Meadow Park 4 St Kilda 4, Parkmore 1 Richmond 2.

RESERVES

Sprvale Condors 7 Ringwood Rovers 1, Waverley Utd 3 Port United 0, Uni Of Melb 1 Loral 2, Burwood Utd 2 Sth Springvale 0, Northern Utd 2 Mitcham 2, Meadow Park 2 St Kilda 2, Parkmore 1 Richmond 1.

PROV 4 FIRST

Brintons 1 Ascot St Marks 5, Kensington Utd 2 Lyndale Utd 0, Balacava 1 Altona United 2, Carrum Utd 0 West United 2, Fitzroy City 1 Skye Rovers 2, Debnay Park 1 Riversdale 0, Mulgrave Ascom 3 Eagles Utd 1.

RESERVES

Brintons 4 Ascot St Marks 0, Kensington Utd 0 Lyndale Utd 0, Balacava 1 Altona United 5, Carrum Utd 0 West United 0, Fitzroy City 0 Skye Rovers 3, Debnay Park 1 Riversdale 3, Mulgrave Ascom 3 Eagles Utd 6.

AMAT 1 FIRST

Phillip Inst 0 Northern Subbs 0, Latrobe Uni 8 Maccabi 0, Waverley Utd 7 Diamond Valley 0, Diggers Rest 2 Epping Thistle 0, Balwyn City 2 Melbourne Uni 3, Waverley Wndrs 2 Endeavour Hills 2, Collingwood Cy 1 East Altona 2.

RESERVES

Phillip Inst 0 Northern Subbs 3, Latrobe Uni 2 Maccabi 1, Hawthorn Utd 4 Diamond Valley 2, Diggers Rest 2 Epping Thistle 2, Balwyn City 1 Melbourne Uni 3, Waverley Wndrs 3 Endeavour Hills 1, Collingwood Cy 4 East Altona 2.

AMAT 2 FIRST

Yarra United 1 Keilor United 1, Inter-city 2 Old Scotch 1, RMIT 3 Concordia 2, Old Paradians 3 Oakleigh United 3, Upfield bye, Camberwell Gmr bye, East Richmond 0 Anstey United 5.

RESERVES

Yarra United 0 Keilor United 4, Inter-city 3 Old Scotch 1, RMIT 9 Concordia 0, Upfield bye, Camberwell Gmr bye, Anstey United bye.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH

CLARINDA 2

FOOTSCRAY 1, BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS NUNAWADING postponed, SUNSHINE G.C. 5 (Mitten, Hasler, Bozinovski 2, Marth) MELB. CROATIA 1 (Oscrak), PRESTON 9 (Petrov, Goydovski 3, Jolevski 2, Brian 3) OAKLEIGH 0, STH MELBOURNE 1, CAULFIELD 1, WAVERLEY CITY won on forfeit BRIGHTON.

STATE LEAGUE

RESERVES
Maribyrnong.....13 9 2 2 43 13 20
St Albans.....12 8 1 3 32 23 17
Croydon City.....12 5 3 2 22 16 15
Fawkner.....11 5 3 3 22 12 13
Morwell Falcons.....12 5 3 4 24 15 13
Green Gully.....13 4 5 4 20 21 13
Box Hill.....11 6 0 5 27 20 12
Broadmeadows.....12 3 6 3 24 22 12
Northcote City.....12 5 2 5 16 12 12
Thomastown.....12 4 1 7 19 25 9
Springvale City.....12 4 1 7 33 40 9
Western Suburbs.....12 4 1 7 23 44 9
Frankston Pines.....12 3 0 9 26 43 6
Caulfield City.....12 1 3 8 18 44 5
Oakleigh.....12 1 3 8 18 44 5

VIC ONE

Sunbury Utd.....10 7 2 1 17 7 16
Ringwood City.....10 7 0 3 18 7 14
Bulleen.....10 6 2 2 15 8 14
Essendon City.....10 4 4 2 15 11 12
Altona Gate.....9 5 1 3 18 9 11
Albion Rovers.....9 5 1 3 13 6 11
Nth Dandenong.....10 5 1 4 14 8 11
Werribee.....9 4 3 2 9 4 11
Knox City.....10 4 2 4 15 14 10
Richmond.....9 1 6 2 10 12 8
SM Mordialloc.....9 1 3 5 7 18 5
Doncaster Rvrs.....10 2 1 7 8 24 5
Nunawading City.....9 0 3 6 4 12 3
Melbourne.....10 1 1 8 3 26 3

RESERVES

Altona Gate.....10 7 2 1 21 11 16
Bulleen.....10 6 2 2 21 16 14
Doncaster Rvrs.....10 5 3 2 22 14 13
Essendon City.....10 5 2 3 16 10 13
Nunawading City.....10 5 2 3 18 12 12
SM Mordialloc.....10 4 3 3 24 12 11
Knox City.....10 4 3 3 20 12 10
Ringwood City.....10 5 5 4 20 10 10
Sunbury Utd.....10 4 2 4 19 21 10
Nth Dandenong.....10 4 2 4 16 19 10
Albion.....10 3 1 6 18 9 7
Werribee.....10 2 2 6 13 25 6
Melbourne.....10 2 1 7 7 9 5
Richmond.....10 0 3 7 14 53 3

VIC TWO

Clifton Hill.....10 6 2 2 24 11 14
Mooroolbark.....10 6 1 3 24 15 13
Westgate.....10 6 1 3 24 15 13
Dandenong City.....10 5 3 2 15 11 13
Prahran City.....10 4 2 4 26 15 12
Sandringham.....10 4 2 4 16 9 12
Nth Geelong.....10 5 2 3 16 12 12
Waverley City.....10 4 3 3 14 11 11
Doveton.....10 3 3 4 13 11 9
Eltham.....10 3 2 5 12 25 8
Ringwood Utd.....10 2 3 5 12 17 7
Altona City.....10 2 2 6 13 10 6
Hamlyn Rvrs.....10 1 4 5 10 20 6
Mornington.....10 1 2 7 7 31 4

RESERVES

Clifton Hill.....10 8 1 1 34 6 15
Mooroolbark.....10 7 1 2 20 6 17
Waverley City.....10 5 4 1 24 14 14
Eltham.....9 6 1 2 23 11 13
Doveton.....8 5 2 1 31 9 12
Nth Geelong.....10 4 1 5 25 18 9
Sandringham.....10 2 5 3 14 14 9
Westgate.....9 3 3 3 9 9 9
Prahran City.....9 4 0 5 22 17 8
Altona City.....10 3 2 5 10 14 8
Hamlyn Rangers.....9 2 3 4 10 16 7
Dandenong City.....9 2 2 5 8 12 6
Ringwood Utd.....9 2 1 6 11 24 5
Mornington.....10 0 0 10 3 74 0

PROV THREE

Lalor.....10 7 1 2 27 15 15
Sprvale Condors.....10 7 1 2 29 11 15
Waverley Utd.....10 6 3 1 26 10 15
Burwood Utd.....10 7 1 2 21 11 15
Richmond Utd.....10 5 2 3 23 17 12
St Kilda.....10 4 2 4 22 19 10
Ringwood Rovers.....10 4 2 4 16 10 10
Uni Of Melb.....10 4 1 5 16 20 9
Parkmore.....10 4 0 6 19 26 8
South Spvale.....10 3 1 6 22 24 7
Port United.....10 2 3 5 15 28 7
Meadow Park.....10 2 2 6 18 27 6
Mitcham Utd.....10 2 1 7 14 35 5
Northern Utd.....10 1 8 11 31 3

RESERVES

Sprvale Condors.....10 9 1 0 42 6 19
Meadow Park.....10 7 3 0 33 11 17
Uni Of Melb.....10 8 0 2 48 13 16
Waverley Utd.....10 6 1 3 31 13 13
Lalor.....10 6 1 3 21 9 13
Burwood Utd.....10 5 1 4 22 19 11
Sth Springvale.....10 3 3 4 27 16 9
Mitcham.....10 3 2 5 25 25 8
St Kilda.....10 3 2 5 26 30 8
Parkmore.....10 2 3 5 13 33 7
Northern Utd.....9 2 3 4 14 36 7
Ringwood Rovers.....10 2 2 6 21 30 6
Richmond Utd.....10 0 4 6 16 35 4
Port United.....9 0 0 9 4 57 0

PROV FOUR

Brintons.....10 7 1 2 27 15 15
Carrum Utd.....10 7 1 2 18 9 15
Kensington Utd.....10 6 2 2 16 9 14
Ascot St Marks.....10 5 2 3 23 12 12
West United.....10 4 4 2 14 8 12
Balacava.....10 4 3 3 17 18 11
Lyndale Utd.....10 4 2 4 19 17 10
Eagles Utd.....10 4 2 4 12 15 10
Altona United.....10 3 3 4 9 12 9
Fitzroy City.....10 3 1 6 17 21 7
Skye Rovers.....10 1 5 4 9 15 7
Debnay Park.....10 3 1 6 9 24 7
Riversdale.....10 1 4 5 11 18 6
Mulgrave Ascom.....10 2 1 7 11 19 5

RESERVES

West United.....10 9 1 0 28 3 19
Ascot St Marks.....10 7 1 2 27 12 15
Kensington Utd.....10 5 3 2 27 18 13
Skye Rovers.....10 5 2 3 24 13 12
Carrum Utd.....10 5 2 3 22 17 12
Brintons.....10 5 1 4 26 21 11
Riversdale.....10 3 4 3 18 12 10
Eagles United.....10 3 4 3 21 14 10
Balacava.....10 4 2 4 22 28 10
Lyndale Utd.....10 2 4 4 18 23 8
Mulgrave Ascom.....10 3 0 7 26 36 6
Fitzroy City.....10 3 0 7 18 29 6
Altona United.....10 1 3 6 22 44 5
Debnay Park.....10 1 8 21 40 3

NAT. YL SOUTH

Sunshine G.X.....9 8 0 1 36 7 16
Sth Melbourne.....9 7 1 1 21 10 15
Brunswick U.J.....8 6 1 1 31 7 13
Preston.....9 5 2 2 28 11 12
Heidelberg Utd.....9 5 1 3 26 23 11
Caulfield City.....9 3 2 4 20 20 8
Brighton.....8 4 0 4 18 18 8
Clarinda.....8 4 0 5 19 24 8
Melb. Croatia.....8 3 2 3 16 26 8
Footscray.....9 3 0 6 17 25 6
Waverley City.....9 2 0 7 8 35 4
Oakleigh.....9 1 1 7 15 37 3
Nunawading City.....1 0 0 1 0 1 0

AMAT 1 FIRST

Latrobe Uni.....8 5 2 1 33 19 12
Phillip Inst.....8 4 4 0 15 7 12
Waverley Wndrs.....8 4 3 1 26 13 11
Hawthorn Utd.....8 4 2 2 16 9 10
Balwyn City.....8 3 3 2 23 17 9
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Northern Subbs.....8 3 2 3 9 10 8
Diggers Rest.....8 3 2 3 11 8

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East Altona.....8 4 1 3 17 17 9
Melbourne Uni.....8 3 3 2 13 16 9
Northern Subbs.....8 3 2 3 9 10 8
Diggers Rest.....8 3 2 3 11 8

Seaford Utd.....10 3 1 6 15 23 7
Langwarrin.....8 1 4 3 9 11 6
Karingal Utd.....9 2 2 5 11 19 6
Pascoe Vale.....9 1 0 8 9 21 2
East Brunswick.....8 1 0 7 7 43 2

PROV ONE

Nth Sunshine.....10 7 2 1 17 8 16
Ardeer.....9 6 2 1 25 12 14
Greensborough.....10 5 4 1 18 8 14
Malvern City.....10 3 5 2 12 9 11
Clayton.....10 4 3 3 20 18 11
Chelsea.....10 4 3 3 19 17 11
Melton.....10 5 0 5 18 10 10
Regent.....10 3 3 4 12 11 9
Ballarat.....10 3 3 4 12 11 9
Ballarat.....10 3 3 4 12 11 9
Ivanhoe City.....10 4 1 5 14 26 9
East Preston.....9 1 4 4 13 13 8
Brighton.....10 3 0 7 11 16 6
East Geelong.....10 1 2 7 8 21 4

RESERVES

Nth Sunshine.....10 8 0 2 30 8 16
Ivanhoe City.....10 8 0 2 24 8 16
Clayton.....10 7 0 3 36 12 14
Malvern City.....10 7 0 3 33 15 14
Ballarat.....10 6 0 4 32 16 12
Ardeer.....9 5 1 1 34 13 11
Melton.....10 5 1 4 19 14 11
Regent.....10 4 1 5 18 22 9
Greensborough.....10 4 1 5 19 27 9
East Preston.....9 4 0 5 8 28 6
Central City.....10 1 4 5 8 32 6
Chelsea.....10 2 2 6 10 53 6
Brighton.....10 1 2 7 12 29 4
East Geelong.....10 1 0 9 24 33 2

PROV TWO

Ascot Vale City.....10 6 3 1 23 14 15
Mossfield.....10 6 2 2 24 13 14
Berwick City.....10 5 4 1 18 7 14
Brunswick City.....10 5 4 1 12 12 14
Westmeadows.....10 5 4 1 21 14 14
Monbulk.....10 6 1 3 14 9 13
Cranbourne.....10 4 4 2 21 12 12
Sth Yarra.....10 4 2 4 16 16 10
Glenroy.....10 4 1 5 15 15 9
Batman Utd.....10 4 1 5 15 24 7
Dingley Utd.....10 2 3 5 14 17 7
Monash Uni.....10 2 3 5 19 23 7
Forest Hill.....10 1 0 9 7 27 0
Wantima.....10 0 0 10 9 40 0

RESERVES

Monbulk.....10 6 3 1 22 8 15
Monash Uni.....10 5 4 1 27 7 14
Berwick City.....10 6 2 2 20 15 14
Glenroy.....10 5 2 3 23 16 12
Mossfield.....10 5 2 3 23 16 12
Westmeadows.....8 5 1 2 24 8 11
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Cranbourne.....10 4 2 4 16 14 10
Batman Utd.....10 4 1 5 16 14 9
Dingley Utd.....9 4 1 4 16 20 9
Brunswick City.....10 2 3 5 20 27 7
Forest Hill.....10 2 2 6 14 24 6
Wantima.....10 1 2 7 12 51 4
Sth Yarra.....10 1 1 8 11 31 3

QUEENSLAND LATEST NORTH STAR FOR CUP

BY GREG RUSSELL

NATIONAL League aspirants North Star have earned a crack at the first major piece of silverware this season by maintaining their lead at the top of Queensland's XXXX League table.

North Star beat Easts 2-1 at Heath Park last weekend to open up a three-point lead at the top of the table and confirm their place in the President's Cup final for first round leaders.

Their opponents will come from either Lions, Azzurri or Easts who will sort themselves out over the coming week as they play the last round of fixtures in the first round and their washed out games of several weeks ago.

North Star's effort in getting to the President's Cup final with a round to spare not only shows the club's strength and determination to beat favourites Lions into the NSL play-offs, but it also wipes the memory of their narrow failure to gain a Cup final berth last year.

In 1986 North Star set the pace with Easts all the way in the first round but lost to Coalstars in the last round of fixtures and surrendered their place in the final.

The President's Cup will be played at Perry Park, probably on Wednesday, June 17, if all the contenders for the other berth are able to complete their catch-up fixtures.

Lions still must be favoured to be the other finalists, despite their patchy form of late, and the Richlands boys will be itching to get a crack at North Star to avenge their 2-1 loss

at O'Callaghan Park a fortnight ago.

Lions were unimpressive in beating Coalstars 3-2 at Richlands last weekend and actually trailed last year's XXXX League Grand Final winners 2-1 shortly after halftime.

Controversial refereeing allowed Lions to get back into the game and sneak a win despite missing a penalty at 2-2.

John Ogden was the culprit this time and the miss followed hot on the heels of Alan Niven's wide attempt at North Star which would have salvaged a draw.

Coach Col Bennett now must be looking for another and more reliable kicker to ensure further chances don't go begging.

The standard of refereeing prompted a rare outburst from Coalstars coach Brian Styles during and after the game.

At one stage in the second half, Styles raced on to the field and physically fronted referee Barry Norton after a tackle left Coalstars youngster Dale Dawes writhing on the ground with a suspected broken leg.

The incident is expected to prompt an investigation but Styles is unperturbed and intends to fight any charges all the way to highlight what he says is a poor standard of refereeing in

Around the States REVIEW—PREVIEW

Queensland.

Azzurri Brisbane City did their chances of winning a President's Cup berth no harm with a clinical 2-0 win over Taringa Rovers at Perry Park last weekend.

A goal in each half ensured Azzurri both points but Taringa deserved more on their first half showing. The defeat really put pressure on Taringa to stay above the relegation place.

But that pressure is now certainly on Grange Thistle who slumped to the bottom of the table for the first time after losing 0-1 to Olympic, while previously bottom-placed Redlands picked up a point with a 1-1 draw with

Rochdale.

Thistle have now scored only two goals in 10 rounds and both of them were netted in their first match.

In the other game last weekend Mount Gravatt and Ipswich United consolidated their mid-table positions with a 1-1 draw at Ebbw Vale.

The XXXX League draw for this weekend is:

Saturday: Showgrounds 2.45pm: Redlands v Grange Thistle, O'Callaghan Park 7pm: North Star v Rochdale.
Sunday: Dittmer Park 2.45pm: Mt Gravatt v Azzurri, Goodwin Park 2.45pm: Olympic U v Ipswich U.
Monday: Speare Park 2.45pm: Taringa v Lions, Bundamba: Coalstars v Easts.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE LEAGUE

BY TOM MCKAIN

BEograd, new leaders in the SA Rothmans league first division should hang on to top spot this weekend at home against Cumberland.

The latter, now in ninth place, hit the front against Croatia on Saturday but eventually crashed 3-2 while Beograd were running away from Lion 4-2.

Croatia, now in fifth place, won't find it easy even at home.

They have to take on last years champion Campbelltown, who shattered previous front runners Hellas 3-1 at Newton Sport Field to jump into sixth place.

Hellas, now second, a point behind Beograd and still battling to get back into the West End National League, are away again this time to Azzurri [10th] who were beaten 1-0 by high flyers Polonia [4th].

The latter should have a rousing battle with Para Hills [7th] at Polonia Park. Para looked good in the

Northern derby at Salisbury but the home side got up from one down to win 3-1 and hold third place behind Hellas on goal difference.

Salisbury is home again, this time against Birkalla, second from the bottom and with only one win on the board.

Under former Hellas captain and coach Neil McGachey they did manage a draw last week, 2-2 at Apac's ground.

Apac, bottom on four points but behind Birks and Azzurri only on goal difference, are at home to eighth-placed Lion.

Returning players will boost some of the teams.

Hellas will have forwards George Konstandopoulos (virus) and Jim Keramidas (wedding) lining up, while Campbelltown have captain

ALBURY GOALKEEPER

THIS year Albury Hotspurs have overcome their lack of previous years — that of fielding an ace goalkeeper.

Steven Blundell, 19, is the person involved. He began Soccer in 1977 with Albury United under 14 team and has never played in any position other than in goal.



STEVEN BLUNDELL

Albury, it seems, has produced some top keepers. Leading the list were Michael Hocking and David Mower.

— FRANK FINLAY

and midfielder Steve Amos returning after suspension.

And it could also have one time favourite striker Jimmy Mitchell back in the line-up.

Coach Dave Jenkins is trying to coax him back from the Amateur League to at least see out the season.

Brother of Socceroo David Mitchell, the veteran hung up his part-time professional boots for the second time at the end of last season.

Para will have John Klein back after his suspension.

It is interesting to note that Para are top scorers in the league with 25 goals, but with 16 conceded it has only 12 points for its seventh berth, two behind Campbelltown.

The second round of the SA PGH Federation Cup will be played on Monday.

INTERVARSITY

A GOAL from striker Andrew Ridley gave Sydney University its first Australian Universities Soccer Championship in 19 years.

The series was played at Queensland University in Brisbane, and the home side was the one that lost the final.

Sydney University's results were: v Queensland University 1-1 (scorer Ridley), v Monash University 2-0 (N. Ingham, S. Murray), v Melbourne University 0-0, v Griffith University 4-0 (A. Ridley 3, N. Ingham), Semi-final v University of NSW 3-0 (S. Murray, S. Habib, A. Ridley).

Five Sydney University players were named in the Australian Universities, squad to play three internationals in New Zealand from August 15/30.

There were Shercef Habib, Keith Toffley, Scott Murray, Bruce Lindsay and Nick Ingham.

The successful Sydney University squad was:

Goalkeepers: Cameron Turtle, Derek Stanwell. Defenders: Neal Johnson, Keith Tuffley, Bruce Lindsay, Michael Kenderes, Michael Evans.

Midfielders: Nick Ingham, Scott Murray, Richard Clarke, Gian Pandit, Karl Pederson.

Forwards: Shercef Hatab, Andrew Ridley, Gordon Pitt, Antony Lewis, Mischa Charrett. Manager: Lachlan Barker.

TASMANIA

OLYMPIA DOWNS CALLIES

BY WALTER PLESS

OLYMPIA-WPL clung to their lead in the Southern Tasmanian Cadbury State League competition with a hard-fought 2-0 win over sixth-placed Caledonians at KGV Soccer Park in midweek.

White Eagles, the reigning league champions, are breathing down Olympia's neck, however.

Eagles beat second-last side Howrah 6-0 on Saturday to retain second place, a point behind Olympia, but they now have a slightly better goal-difference than the Greek side.

Third and four-placed outfits, Juventus-Pioneer and Croatia-Glenorchy, fought out a dour 1-1 draw in midweek, while Rapids remained firmly anchored at the foot of the table after going down 1-0 to Hobart City.

Caledonians' coach Karl Pless dropped four players after the previous week's debacle against White Eagles and the side responded well by extending Olympia all the way.

Calies held out for an hour before Craig Nichols finally found a way around the outside of fullback Darren Grainger and centred low and hard for Paul Xanthopoulos to sweep the ball home.

The second goal came three minutes from the end.

Ivan Baric powered a header past Juventus goalkeeper Neil Connell after only three minutes to give Croatia the lead, but

youngster Romeo Frediani snapped up a half-chance just before the interval to give Juventus a point.

The second half was an uninspiring affair and Juventus coach Peter Irving must be a little worried about his side's recent disappointing form.

Richard and Andrew Leszczynski and Dominic O'Brien each scored twice as White Eagles coasted to an easy 6-0 win over Howrah on Saturday.

Hobart City were reduced to ten men when they had striker Kim Barker sent off ten minutes before the interval against Rapid, but Neil Bishop gave them the lead only four minutes later.

He ran onto a through-ball down the left-hand side of the penalty area before shooting past Rapid goalkeeper Leigh Gillam.

City mounted a desperate rearguard action in a second half dominated by Rapid and survived to win yet another valuable two points in their first season in the top flight.

Details: Olympia-WPL 2 (Xanthopoulos, Goldsmith) Caledonians 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 1 (Baric) Juventus-Pioneer 1 (Frediani), White Eagles 6 (R Leszczynski 2 A Leszczynski 2 O'Brien 2) Howrah 0, Hobart City-Azzurri 1 (Bishop) Rapid 0.

Cadbury State League Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympia-WPL	9	8	0	1	37	7	16
White Eagles	9	7	1	1	45	11	15
Juventus	9	6	2	1	30	17	14
Croatia	9	5	2	2	30	13	12
Hobart City	9	4	0	5	12	30	8
Caledonians	9	1	1	7	8	30	3
Howrah	9	1	1	7	9	37	3
Rapid	9	0	1	8	9	35	1

Leading Goalscorers: 18 R Leszczynski (White Eagles), 14 S Pace (Juventus-Pioneer), 13 P Xanthopoulos (Olympia-WPL), 10 A Leszczynski (White Eagles), 8 J McIntyre (Croatia-Glenorchy), 7 D Stoddart (White Eagles), N Bishop (Hobart City).

HUGE CHURCHES QUEENS BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENTS

OVER 2000 players will occupy 11 fields at Timbrell Park Five Dock in Sydney for the Queens Birthday six-a-side tournaments of the NSW Churches Football Association.

On Saturday 210 team of mini under six and seven players through to under 16s will compete.

Some of the semi-finals and finals will be played. Losers won't be eliminated from the knockout, they receive at least another chance in the re-percharge.

A total of 82 men's teams played in straight K.O. system on Queens Birthday Monday.

At seven allowed registered players per team that represents 2044 players, with probably as many again as referees, officials and spectators.

Publicity officer Kay Hayes said: "We have held this tournament for many years.

"Our executive is determined to ensure that Churches football, which has been played in huge numbers for over 60 years, becomes better known.

"Anyone who comes along will enjoy two great days of sport."

— KEITH GILMOUR

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UPDATE

GLASGOW Celtic have sacked David Hay as manager and ex-Parkhead idol Billy McNeill is his replacement... Eddie Krncevic's **ANDERLECHT** won the Belgian Championship for the 20th time after a 5-0 win at the weekend against Berchem.



PORTUGUESE CELEBRATE CUP VICTORY

THOUSANDS of jubilant Portuguese took to the streets to celebrate Porto's victory in the European Cup in Vienna — Portugal's first for 25 years.

In Oporto hundreds came out into the streets waving blue and white flags and chanting "Porto, Porto".

The triumphant Porto team, which was due in Oporto later today, came from behind to defeat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the last 12 minutes of the game.

The only Portuguese team to win a European Cup trophy was Benfica in 1961 and 1962. Porto also won 2kg of gold from an Italian coffee manufacturer who promised a kilogram for each goal scored.

Bayern Munich took the lead after 20 minutes when a clearance from a Porto defender Celso fell kindly for Ludwig Kogel and his diving header beat Josp Mlynarczyk.

But Porto continued to attack and play entertaining football and the equaliser came 13 minutes from full-time when their Algerian striker Rabah Madjer back-heeled a cross from Brazilian Juary past the despairing Jean-Marie Pfaff.

Juary was again involved in the 80th minute when he volleyed home a cross from Madjer. The win by Porto was fully deserved and the best on the night apart from the goalscorers were Paulo Futre and Sousa.

For the losers the best was young Kogel.

Stewart Robson's shock message to the football tipsters is: "Stick your money on West Ham for the title next season."

The Hammers have fought their way through a mini-crisis when they lost six matches on the trot. Now the former Arsenal midfielder is convinced the new squad being assembled by boss John Lyall will put the 'up' back into Upton Park.

He insists: "Our results over the last few weeks bear little reflection on the true potential at West Ham. We'll be challenging for honours in the near future."

"I confidently predict we'll be London's top club ahead of Arsenal and Tottenham a year from now, and reckon we could go all the way to the Championship."

Strong words from the articulate 22-year-old former public schoolboy who is normally associated with sticking his legs in the way to break up an opponent's attack rather than sticking his neck out in the prediction stakes.

So why the optimism so soon after West Ham were considered candidates for the end of season play-offs.

Robson says: "West Ham proved in 1985 they were capable of winning on a regular basis and challenging for major honours. They finished third in the First Division only four points behind Champions

Liverpool.

"We've let that slip a bit this season but now the manager has strengthened the squad and we have strong competition for places. Things look good, as a matter of fact," he says with a gleam in his eye.

It was Robson's \$1.4 million move from Arsenal in January that began John Lyall's re-assembly at Upton Park.

Subsequent signings included defenders Gary Stodder from Lincoln, Tommy McQueen from Aberdeen and midfield genius Liam Brady from Italians Ascoli to take the club's spending to over \$2 million in a matter of months.

Robson adds: "Liam could make a significant difference to us next season. I've heard that a few people question his ability to make such a big impression back in the First Division now that he is 31."

"Yet he is as skilful as ever and I can confirm after watching him at close quarters in training that Liam is not lacking in any department. He's nine years younger than Billy Bonds for goodness sake. He'll shine through."

Robson himself has no regrets about making the move from Arsenal, for whom he made 151 League appearances in five-and-a-half seasons.

He often trained twice a day during his first two months at Upton Park to regain his maximum sharpness after a long injury lay-off, and believes a West Ham revival will enhance his hope of regaining a place in Bobby Robson's England squad.

"It's been a great move for me," he says.

"The results haven't been as I would have liked, though. We've had a few injury problems to key players including Alvin Martin and Alan Devonshire, and confidence was at a low ebb, especially after our defeat by Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup."

"But we battled through and got back on the winning trail against Watford and the effect was immediate. Suddenly people were laughing and joking in our dressing-room."

"Now I want to regain the form I showed during a four-match spell in February when I played the best football of my career in terms of involvement and creative play."

"During that spell we managed a 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest a few days before England beat Spain in Madrid. Neil Webb said to

me after the game that on that form he was amazed I didn't make the squad."

"I think being a new player at a club has given me a fresh impetus, and possibly the transfer fee has given me a bit of added responsibility in the team, which I relish."

Robson has been widely tipped as a future England star ever since he broke into the Arsenal side as a 17-year-old.

Yet the closest he came to winning a senior cap was when he was a non-playing

sub during England's 1-0 defeat in Sweden at the beginning of the season.

"It doesn't worry me unduly that I haven't made the breakthrough yet," he reveals. "If I can keep playing well on a consistent basis things might start to develop."

"I'm feeling extremely confident about the future. I get on well with the lads at West Ham and I get the feeling that Frank McAvennie, Mark Ward and myself are beginning to form an effective triangle in the side."

"Frank's had a few injury problems this season, but once his goalscoring confidence has been restored we could really start to click again."

"The rest of the First Division should beware. We want to win as many games as possible before the end of the season and then mount a serious charge for the League Championship."

NOTE: Bookmakers' odds quote West Ham as 25-1 outsiders for next season's First Division Championship.

'PAY UP', BRIAN McCLAIR TELLS CELTIC

I'LL be a Celtic player next season — if they make me an offer I can't refuse

My contract expires at the end of June and there has been a lot of transfer speculation.

I've naturally heard the rumours and read a great deal about it. But they don't bother me.

As long as Celtic want me and they offer me what I think I'm worth I'll be delighted to sign on again.

I'm not asking for the earth, but I have a family to support and my next contract will be crucial.

The club are already prepared to pay \$4,000 a week to my striking partner Mo Johnston. That's the kind of money that would keep most players happy.

But I don't want to dwell on contracts and such like.

I just wanted to tell the Celtic fans how I feel.

I've been the club's top scorer for the past three years since Billy McNeill paid Motherwell \$200,000 for me.

In four years I've scored over 100 League goals for the club. I reckon that's not bad going.

I've enjoyed every single one of those goals and I hope there's a lot more to come for Celtic.

Speculation

People continually ask me about the future, but really I don't want to get involved in any speculation — and that's all it is at this stage.

Celtic are a smashing club with the best fans in the world. No-one in his right mind would be in a rush to leave such a set-up.

I know a few players both sides of the border who would give their eye teeth to play with Celtic.

I can't mention names because I'll get accused of

trying to tap them up, but I'm talking about high class, quality players.

We've had a few ups and downs this season, but I think we proved our capabilities in the recent Old Firm game at Parkhead.

We won 3-1 and I was fortunate enough to tuck two penalty-kicks past Chris Woods in the space of three first-half minutes.

People have said I must have been under extreme pressure in front of 60,000 fans, but I don't see it that way.

I have to believe most of the pressure is on the 'keeper. Let's face it. It must be easier to score from a penalty than to save one.

I know I missed one a few weeks earlier against Clydebank, but I wasn't even thinking about that. I felt confident and just thrashed them both into the same corner.

The second penalty created controversy, but I think even big Terry Butcher will admit that he fouled Mo Johnston for the award to be given.

One angry Rangers fan leapt down from the terraces, past the police and raced straight towards me. In an eyeball to eyeball confrontation he told me how unhappy he was about the decision.

A Press man asked me later what the bloke had actually said to me. I replied that I didn't know...we obviously don't speak the same language!

To make matters worse, the ball was blown off the spot as I started my run up. I had to replace it, but knew exactly where I was going to hit it.

The first went to the 'keep-

er's right as he went to left. On this occasion Chris Woods guessed correct but the pace of the ball beat him.

It was great to beat Rangers at the fifth and final attempt this season. I proved once and for all that Celtic never lie down. We are at our most dangerous when people have counted us.

Roy Aitken said before the match that no-one should write us off. How right he was.

Publicity

Rangers have huge publicity this season and good luck to them. They spend huge amounts of money because they had to.

Celtic will spend, too, only when the time and players are right. There's no doubt Davie Hay will be panicked into buying players just for the sake of it.

Celtic mean so much to me and, at 23, I believe I got a lot to offer them in the future.

It's difficult to envisage playing for another club being at Parkhead, but just have to wait and see.

Who knows, Celtic could still have me AND Mo Johnston playing up front next season — if the gaffer wants!

There's still a fair bit of talking to be done.

I'm not putting a figure on what I want — would you everyone knowing exactly what you earn? — I know my worth to the club.

Hopefully our talks will be amicable and agreeable and I'll be playing for next season.



JUARY of FC Porto seals his club's victory as he volleys home the cross from Rabah Madjer against Bayern Munich.

A RARE TREAT

IF the first FIFA Under 16 World Tournament is any indication, Soccer fans in North America are in for a rare treat this summer.

Played in the Peoples Republic of China in 1985, and won by Nigeria, the Tournament surpassed all expectations with fantastic goals and brilliant Soccer.

The second FIFA Under 16 World Tournament will be held in Canada from July 12 to 25, and will feature 16 nations from all over the world. The games will be played in four cities, Toronto (Ontario), Montreal (Quebec), Saint John (New Brunswick) and St John's (Newfoundland).

To date only 13 of the 16 finalists are known. Canada, as the host national qualified automatically.

Australia will hold the single place allotted to Oceania. South Korea were the champions of Asia followed by Qatar from the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia. Nigeria, Egypt and the Ivory Coast qualified from Africa.

Bolivia emerged as surprise champions of South America, followed by Brazil and Ecuador. Mexico was undefeated in qualifying from the North-Central American and Caribbean area, with the United States also qualifying.

The three teams that will represent Europe will not be known until after the European qualifying competition

is completed today.

The European finals were played all across northern France from May 25 to June 3 with the final at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris on June 3.

Eight of the teams who have qualified so far for the Canadian Tournament also appeared in the first Tournament in China: Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

FIFA made the official draw for team groups on April 7 live on TSN television in Toronto, Ontario.

The outcome of the draw as follows:

TORONTO Group 'A'
Europe 3, Canada, Qatar, Egypt.

SAINT JOHN Group 'B'
Ivory Coast, Rep. of Korea, USA, Ecuador.

MONTREAL Group 'C'
Brazil, Europe 2, Saudi Arabia, Australia.

ST JOHN'S Group 'D'
Europe 1, Nigeria, Mexico, Bolivia.

The two teams finishing on top of each group will advance to the quarter finals. At this point the competition will become sudden death with the winners of the quarter finals advancing to the semi-finals, and the win-

ners of the semi-finals to the final.

Each of the four sites will stage a quarter final game; the semi-finals will be played in Saint John, New Brunswick and in Toronto, and the final will be played at Varsity Stadium in Toronto on July 25 with a 3pm kick off time. The game for third place will be played in Saint John, New Brunswick, Friday, July 24 at 7pm.

While many people wanting to come to Canada for the Tournament will be familiar with Montreal and Toronto, the two sites in the Maritime provinces, Saint John and St John's, may cause some confusion. In fact just prior to the World Cup game in 1985 between Canada and Honduras, one group of Honduran fans ended up in Saint John instead of St John's. It is important to note that the spelling of the two names is significant.

Saint John (pop. 52,000) is in the province of New Brunswick and is located on the Bay of Fundy, just a few miles north of the state of Maine.

On the other hand St John's, Newfoundland (pop. 90,000) is on the island of Newfoundland, and is accessible only by air or by sea. You can take your car to Newfoundland by driving to North Sydney, Nova Scotia

and catching the ferry across the Cabot Strait to Point aux Basques, Newfoundland. It is then a long drive across Newfoundland to St John's.

Tickets for all games during the Tournament are reasonably priced, and ticket prices for games in the first round are for double headers. No ticket price during the Tournament exceeds \$10 per game, and in the early rounds you can see two games for as little as \$4.

At this point in time very little is known of the visiting teams. The teams competing were not required by FIFA to name 30 players until May 27 and in the case of the European teams June 3. Coaches will have to reduce that number to a final list of 18 on July 1.

Brian Hughes, who will coach the Canadian team watched the European finals in Greece last year and came away highly impressed by the level of play.

"These young players have all the skills of the professionals," he said. "But more than the professionals they are willing to take chances and this makes for a very exciting game." Hughes, who played in the NASL for the Atlanta Chiefs, had one final comment on the FIFA Under 16 World Tournament. "If you are a Soccer fan, don't miss it. Be there."

ambitious. I had two targets when I came into League football; to win a Welsh cap and to play in the First Division. I want to complete the double."

Jones is aware that anything can happen in football — as he has found out after being released from his home-town club Wrexham almost before his career had started.

He reflects: "Arfon Griffiths, Wrexham's manager at the time, told me I wasn't good enough and then kicked me out. I thought my career was over at 17 and drifted into local league football."

'Signed'

"But after a year messing around I decided I wanted to try and prove Arfon wrong and I signed from Rhyl for a tenner a match."

Jones hit 92 goals in four seasons for Rhyl alongside Ian Rush's brother Stefan ("he wasn't a bad player. Not quite as prolific as his brother in the box, but then who is?"). During his last season, when he netted 36 goals, Jones was invited to Arsenal for a month's trial.

THE SKY-HIGH BLUES

COVENTRY'S best-ever season could have been bolstered by the presence of Graeme Souness if former manager Don Mackay had stayed in the job.

But Mackay quit Highfield Road near the end of last season and had to scrap ambitious plans to bring Souness back from exile in Italy.

Mackay, now in charge at Blackburn, recalls: "When I knew Graeme was likely to be leaving Sampdoria I was immediately interested in trying to bring him to Coventry."

"The intention was that he would join me as player-coach. He would have been a fabulous acquisition for the club."

"But unfortunately we never really got our plans off the ground. I resigned before we got a chance to discuss the move."

"I wasn't sacked by Coventry, I resigned because I wasn't receiving 100 per cent support. So I can't

say whether or not I'd have been able to do a deal with Graeme."

"I gave everything to the job and felt I deserved better backing. But that didn't happen so I had no choice but to call it a day."

Ironically, within three days of quitting The Sky Blues and wondering how long he'd be on the dole, Mackay received a call from Ibrox inviting him to help out.

New Rangers boss Souness was completing the Italian programme with Sampdoria and his assistant, Walter Smith, was in urgent need of help as the team played out the Scottish season.

Mackay was eventually appointed to the coaching staff on a permanent basis, enabling him to work closely with Souness.

A SHARP MOVE

THERE was a very pointed — and Sharp — reason why Paul Wilkinson left possible glory on Merseyside for a life with Brian Clough.

If anyone made up Paul's mind that the time was right for a move it was his former Everton team-mate Graeme Sharp.

Reveals Wilkinson: "I came to the conclusion that in terms of winning a regular place in the side at Everton it was going to be a case of Sharpy or me."

"And as Graeme had done the business for Everton over five or six years I just could not see me getting in on the act on a permanent basis."

'Magnificent'

"Good luck to Graeme, he's a fine player and has done a magnificent job for Everton. But I had to think of what was best for me."

"I knew I could have gone to Charlton but with due respect to them I felt ambitious about winning things in the game."

"I had had a taste of success at Everton and when Forest made their offer I had no hesitation in joining them."

"I was always on the fringe at Goodison and although I got my chance earlier this season it didn't work out. When Wayne Clarke was signed I knew then it was time to consider my future."

Ironically, Wilkinson received a Championship medal this season. He played 22 League games for Everton before his transfer.

And Wilkinson feels that the Forest squad he has joined is capable of maturing on the same lines that has brought Everton so much success in recent seasons.

The former Grimsby star adds: "Things didn't happen overnight for Everton. They had to wait for their younger players to grow up and add to their experience."

'Incredible'

"And you can see the same sort of thing happening at Forest."

"As the younger players get more experience — and I come into that category — then I can only see us going one way."

"I'm sure there is the ability to win things at Forest and from what I have seen so far, we'll be giving it a right go next season."

"I knew what it was like to battle for a place at Everton and it's not going to be any easier at Forest because Nigel Clough and Gary Birtles have been together and done well as a partnership this season."

"But it's up to me to show that I can do the job. The boss would not have bought me if he didn't think I could do that."

"I couldn't get the time off work so I told them that unless they offered me a contract I wouldn't go to London. They didn't so I didn't," recalls the one-time supervisor at a health food factory in Corwen.

And while Brighton and Shrewsbury ummed and arred Port Vale nipped in.

"I don't profess to be the most skilful forward in the game," adds Jones, "but I'm fairly strong and I can shoot with either foot."

Fulham will endorse that after Jones hit a hat-trick at Craven Cottage in Port Vale's 6-0 win on the day he was selected for the Welsh squad.

"With Mark Hughes suspended for the Finland match I thought a place might be up for grabs, and possibly those three goals got me in ahead of Watford's Martin Allen. I'm told the Welsh FA had a representative at Craven Cottage."

A Welsh victory against Finland was vital to their European Championship hopes, and Jones played his part with a clinical volley to complete a convincing 4-0 win at Wrexham.

"I might find it hard to keep Mark Hughes out of the side but I'll always remember that moment," says Jones with pride.



UEFA Cup Final action.

DUNDEE UNITED'S PAUL STURROCK tangles with Gothenburg's TODD HOLMGREN

BOMBSHELL

WELLINGTON UNITED, one of New Zealand's top Soccer clubs, have dropped a Chatham Cup bombshell by pulling out of this season's competition.

DB Spats Wellington were due to play their first match, a round four clash away to Palmerstone North side Bennetts Massey on Saturday 30th May.

Wellington advised the NZFA by letter late last week that they were not going to participate in the Cup. Several reasons were cited including:

No free weekends have been allocated for future Chatham Cup rounds so double headers (Cup Saturday, National League Sunday) will need to be played. If, as expected Wellington beat Massey their likely round five opponents would be Manawatu away on 20th June. Wellington have an away League match in Dunedin on Sunday 21st June. The Cup match cannot be played under lights mid-week as there are no suitable floodlight grounds in Palmerstone North. If they progressed further, Saturday Cup fixtures would be followed by away League trips to Mt Maunganui and Gisborne.

Cup games are expected to be played by mutual agreement between the two teams. Wellington say there is just not enough time to organise the ties. And the club has just been through the exercise of rescheduling the Wellington/North Shore match to accommodate Auckland's Centennial Tournament.

Wellington also feel the fitting of Chatham Cup ties into an already tight and extended League competition is an unnecessary burden on the club's administration.

A club spokesman said there was keen disappointment that the decision had to be taken. However the fact that a prestigious tournament has been relegated to such a minor role in NZ Soccer is a retrograde step and cannot be ignored. Neither can the possibility of four double header weekends between now and the final.

In a year when there is no Chatham Cup sponsor, Wellington did not point to the financial burden facing other clubs in this season's competition.

Central League Second Division club Gisborne Thistle are drawn away to Nelson in the Fourth Round — a round trip cost of \$4,500. Neighbours Gisborne City must travel to play Hutt Valley followed by a Fifth Round trip to either Wainuiomata or New Plymouth if they are successful — a combined travel bill of \$7,000-\$8,000.



COVENTRY CITY captain BRIAN KILCLINE holds the FA Cup aloft following the 3-2 victory over Tottenham at Wembley Stadium.

SOME WORTHINGTON VIEWS!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

"If Eric Worthington gets his way there will be no parents at junior Soccer matches."

This key sentence appeared in a May issue of a sports publication which went on to liberally quote Mr Worthington, who has been the National Director of Coaching for the past 11 years, since arriving from England.

The writer also quoted him as saying: "Pick the kids up after the game (i.e. by the parents) but in the meantime let us coach the kids and teach them how to get enjoyment out of the game."

The first paragraph above began with the little word 'if'. Bit 'if' is a big word too, because there is no chance of Mr Worthington getting his way.

If what the writer says is what Mr Worthington said, then I believe he knows little about the method by which many hundreds of thousands of Australian youngsters have received the chance of enjoy the great game of Soccer in Australia.

Soccer as a junior sport — and one which heads the more publicised sports all along the Eastern Coast in particular — could not operate without the goodwill of countless thousands of parents, friends, interested people, coaches, referees and administrators.

Regarding the quote the "let us coach the kids..." — perish the thought! There is no chance that Mr Worthington and Co could cope. He would have to ask himself whether he has the staff or the interest.

Power

When Mr Worthington came to power, the former coaches body, in the capable hands of the late revered "Uncle" Joe Vlasits and a group of marvellous enthusiasts, was quickly demolished.

In subsequent years "Uncle Joe" went to Europe at his own expense and continually kept abreast of all the latest coaching information in the football capitals of the world.

His English was no shakes, but he knew how to teach.

One can only conjecture how the whole Soccer fraternity of his home state — and throughout Australia for that matter — would have grown together and become a huge, forward-looking and

extremely capable group had he and the enthusiasts been allowed to continue.

Yet another quote... "Parents are a nuisance. I feel sorry for the cadet referee. He's trying to do his best and there's a big father from each side, growling and grunting and abusing him."

"The ugly parent is a problem in all sports and we have to get them out of the way."

As regards the "ugly" parent — that is one thing, but there are an unbelievable number of caring and decent parents for every "ugly" one.

Are they to be ruled out by Mr Worthington as well?

Personally speaking, my own late father was an official and player in Sydney 65 years ago and he encouraged me when I took up the game.

and were instructed to play rugby.

Today's school and tertiary sport of Soccer has its genesis in the junior game.

Where would Soccer have been today if Mr Tom Grimson in his day as NSW president had ruled out junior Soccer up to under 11 as the NSW Rugby League pushed him to do.

Thanks to his own wisdom — and the strength of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation who wouldn't have a bar of it — Soccer kept on its merry way supplying the sport to the youngsters.

Now let us deal with the crocodile tears over cadet referees.

I was on the spot when Ron Beaumont and others established the cadet re-

the playing side in those states.

And self-funding internations and interstate series would have been running for over 20 years at amateur and non-professional levels.

Guess which people ruled out this type of progress.

This would have properly aided the game right throughout the Pacific, as well as from Western Australia and Tasmania to Queensland.

It was practical system but somewhere it was killed. And to end with Mr Worthington's quoted statement that Australian under 16s are sixth in world ranking and the youth (under 20) side 13th.

Readers should refer to Johnny Warren's comments "Ratings were all wrong" on Page 11 of ASW of May 27.



SIR STANLEY ROUS, the recently deceased former FIFA president and English FA secretary, was delighted when he watched Sydney juniors at Lambert Park in 1962. Also pictured Peter Fuzes, later Eastern Suburbs Hakoah and Australian goalkeeper, and Amateur officials of the day, Phil Sleep, Bill Ford, Norm Martin and Don Allen.

How many other parents have assisted their own children? It is a natural parent-child relationship.

Where would schools Soccer have been today had it not been for the spillover from junior Soccer. Mr Worthington wasn't in Australia at the time to know that.

Case Histories

I can point to my own case. At a prominent inner western suburbs Sydney high school in my youth we had the Soccer balls taken from us for starting a Soccer competition

fees system in NSW. It went a long way towards ensuring the expansion of the junior game in NSW, with an excellent follow through in Queensland and the ACT.

If we were to wait for the academics, the theorists, the Australian Soccer Federation and the Australian Sports Commission to accomplish these things, then we would wait forever.

But the parents and friends of the game and the enthusiasts have done so much.

So far as "no organised games for children under nine," is concerned, again Mr Worthington has no say whatsoever.

In the Australian society people have their own say. Soccer was modified to suit the needs of little fellows long before various critics came on the scene. It met the requirements of the situation later when non-competitive games were added.

Sterile

Leaving coaching aside, the other consuming trouble holding back the game in Australia arrived when the fledgling Australian Amateur Soccer Federation was hijacked.

Into its place came an often sterile National Junior Council administration.

Ever since there has been little real flow of ideas on establishing widespread junior Soccer in the states where it is not well supported throughout the communities.

If this was not true, then over the years we would have seen big progress on

APIA HONOURS GRAZIANI

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANCESCO GRAZIANI, Italy's World Cup striker, flew into Sydney yesterday morning with Alitalia against his doctor's orders.

The Neopolitan star was rushed from Mascot airport to the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel yesterday morning, to rest before the big dinner held in his honour at the Apia Club.

Guests paid \$1,000 a plate for the honour of winning and dining with the world famous player, who represented Italy in World Cups in Argentina and Spain.

The Italian star underwent an operation on his injured knee last week in Rome.

The ill-timed operation wrecked Apia's plans to have him play as their guest in the National Soccer League.

Greatly disappointed Apia officials and Soccer



FRANCESCO GRAZIANI

fans soon lost hope of seeing Graziani in Australia. Mr Joe Prestia, the Apia Soccer Club president, nev-

er gave up hope of bringing him here.

Against all odds, and despite his specialist's advice against making the long trip to Australia, Graziani insisted on coming to honour his original commitment.

Martin Tauber, the NSL's promotions man who has handled the visit for Apia, told of Graziani's gallant gesture last night: "He insisted on coming to Sydney as he felt embarrassed for all the inconvenience his knee injury has caused the club."

Apia will use Graziani for some promotional work in shopping centres before flying back to Rome on Sunday.



GRAZIANI meets APIA-Leichhardt friends at Sydney Airport. From left: Carlo Zaccarotto, Albert Salerno, president Joe Prestia, Francesco Graziani and his assistant. — MODERN STUDIOS Tel: 750 7242

NSL YOUTH

SUPER SUB BENNETT AIDS OLYMPIC

SYDNEY Olympic picked up top place in the League this weekend after twice banging in four goals in four days.

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

On Thursday evening the rampaging Olympians easily accounted for Warringah 4-0 and on Sunday following a goalless first half the Blues downed Marconi 4-1.

St. George stayed a point from the top by virtue of a classy away 3-1 win over Croatia. APIA had the bye, dropping them two points from the top and Melita took fourth place from Marconi after they defeated Manly 3-0 away from home.

OLYMPIC 4

MARCONI 1

Sydney Olympic have proved they are the team to beat this season dropping only one point and conceding just four goals in eight matches.

OLYMPIC: Londres, Triantafyllou, Barrett, Plataniotis, Briggs, Genaris, Zervas (Bennett), Pontidas, Harper, Chilas (Lardis), Refenes.

Best Players: Jeff Briggs Nick Plataniotis, David Barrett. MARCONI: Catlin (Jones), Ortega, Curko, Aglasotis, Budwee, Agamehnonos, Lovan, Surjan, Russo, Ackerley (Cortes) (Budini), Gunning.

ST. GEORGE 3

SYDNEY CROATIA 1

Croatia suffered only their second loss of the season but now find themselves six points off the pace after going down to the Saints.

After an inactive opening 19 minutes the match came alive with a missed penalty and two goals in a four minute spell.

The Saints equalised in the 22nd minute following a corner Slavski chipped to Grbeviski who netted with a low drive.

MELITA 3

MANLY 0

Melita moved into the top four for the first time this season after a fine 3-0 away win against the difficult Manly outfit.

Manly has taken points off some of the top teams this season but succumbed to the early Melita onslaught as the visitors went 3-0 up after 21 minutes.

Scott Gilbert helped himself to two goals, the first after just a minute intercepting a poor backpass to nip in and score. His second after 19 minutes was a brilliant shot on the run.

Darren Bath added another two minutes later with a powerful header and suddenly the game was out of Manly's reach.

Melita: Blow, Pratt, Daley, Dickinson, coiro, Pitcock, Locrtu, Bath, Klinkacovski, Gilbert, Rago (Blake).

Manly: Van Leguwen (Beckett), Reeves, Vale, Thomas, Logan (Annan), Ure, Butler, Glasscock, Wills, Greaves, Wassell.

Thurs 28-5-87: Olympic 4 (S Rafenes, D Barrett, J Bennett, S Hantzis) Warringah 0. Sun 31-5-87: Melita 3 (S Gilbert, 2, D Bath) Manly 0. Olympic 4 (J Bennett 2, S Rafenes, N Plataniotis) Marconi 1 (T Surjan). St George 3 (M Grbeviski, Z Ilic, Grubba o.g.) Croatia 1 (Kardum). Uruguay 2 (L Varela, E Martinez) Canterbury 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	8	7	1	0	23	4	15
St George	9	6	2	1	26	7	14
APIA	9	5	3	1	24	5	13
Melita	9	6	0	3	15	14	12
Marconi	10	5	0	5	23	20	10
Croatia	7	4	1	2	23	10	9
Manly	9	3	2	4	14	25	8
Sutherland	7	1	1	5	9	16	3
Uruguay	7	1	1	5	5	15	3
Canterbury	9	1	1	7	4	23	3
Warringah	8	1	0	7	4	31	2

Leading Scorers
8: Zoran Ilic (St George)
Joe Russo (Marconi)
Adrian Ciscato (Croatia)
7: Tony Krslovic (Croatia)
6: Steve Klinkacovski (Melita)
5: Jason Bennett (Olympic)
Tony Parison (APIA)
Lou Dounis (APIA)
Chris Ackerley (Marconi)

Next week's matches:
Sun 7-6-87: Uruguay v Olympic at Cook Park 10.40am, Manly v St George at Cromer Park 10.40am.

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLICITY OFFICER

(PART TIME)

Applications are invited for a suitable person to work for the West End National Soccer League in Melbourne as a part-time Promotions and Publicity Officer.

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